

23 July 2019

Dear provider

Future commissioning intentions and details of upcoming procurement – Autumn 2019

Suffolk will be commissioning support for family carers services from the second half of 2020/2021. You are invited to attend *Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre* on *Monday 9 September at 1.30pm* to find out more about our plans. The meeting runs until *3.30pm* with an opportunity to review information in the room until 4-415pm.

Current arrangements for support for family carers in Suffolk are well established and have been operating for many years. Current contracts and funding arrangements conclude in September 2020.

The Suffolk wide team would like to share our plans and expectations about future arrangements to develop and improve provision of support for family carers going forwards.

A full set of slides from earlier events with carers in April and May is available at the following link: [Family-Carer-Events-Presentation-April-May-2019.pdf](#).

There is also report available about a Suffolk carers survey from late last year at the following link: [Suffolk-Carers-Steering-Group-Report-2019.pdf](#)

Please note that the service start date has changed from April 2020 to 1 October 2020. Supporting documents used at carer events in April and May, and in our published carer report show 1 April. The change of date is in response to the work we have identified as being necessary to prepare for future services.

If you plan to attend the market engagement, we would like confirmation in advance. Please contact the team coordinating the work using the following email address: family.carers@suffolk.gov.uk using the heading: Family Carer Services - Market Engagement. There are a maximum of three spaces available per organisation. We will confirm your space along with further details about the agenda when we have received responses.

To reserve your space at the event, please reply to this email, completing the following box (family.carers@suffolk.gov.uk) by Friday **23 August**.

Organisation	Name	Role/Job Title	Email Address
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Many thanks

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Our earlier message followed multi-agency review of support for family carers within Suffolk, and we would like to draw your attention to the below Prior Information Notice published in May.



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