



Press Release

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NCF appoints Maria Ball as Chair

Maria Ball, Chief Executive of Quantum Care, has become the new Chair of the National Care Forum (NCF). Maria took over from David Coull, Chief Executive, Coverage Care at the NCF AGM held on 30 November.

Quantum Care provides care for over 3000 older people each year through the provision of a wide range of care services, including long term residential, nursing, intermediate, enablement, respite and day care.

Maria Ball has a background that crosses the public and private sectors. She has considerable experience of managing organisational change and development programmes, having run a national social care/special needs management consultancy for 8 years, working successfully with a wide range of organisations. Maria has also been Chief Executive/Director of a number of national charities and joined Quantum Care from the Metanoia Institute, a national education training institute for psychotherapy and counselling, where she was Chief Executive.

Vic Rayner, Executive Director of the National Care Forum said:

"I look forward to working with Maria who is a long standing board member of the NCF and has always been a strong supporter of our aim to promote quality care services through the not-for-profit sector

I would like to record my personal appreciation to David for his tremendous support and stewardship as NCF chair over the last three years."

Maria said:

"I am thrilled to have been appointed as the Chair of the National Care Forum. In these challenging times, the voice of quality, not for profit care providers is more important than ever. I am equally looking forward to working with Vic, who in her relatively short time as our new Executive Director, has already increased our voice substantially."

Also elected to the Board are four new directors:
Steve Allen, CEO, Friends of The Elderly; Andy Cole OBE, CEO, The Royal Star and Garter Homes; Penny Fell, Managing Director, Surrey Choices and Richard Hawes, CEO, Elizabeth Finn Homes.

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Notes for Editors:

The National Care Forum (NCF) was established in 2003, building on more than 10 years of the Care Forum, to promote quality outcomes for people receiving care services through the not-for-profit sector.

We keep members up to date with news and developments in the care sector and provide opportunities to meet and share ideas and best practice through our regular forum meetings, annual conferences and events, membership benchmarking surveys and reports and a weekly e-briefing.