



Dear Colleague,

Statement of Intent: Collaborative working between Newark & Sherwood and Rushcliffe CVS': To explore options for a more formal approach to joint working between Newark & Sherwood and Rushcliffe CVS

We recognise that the current operating environment will remain challenging; the need and demand for our services have significantly increased, as has a greater demand and increased need for collaboration and partnership working.

Accordingly, Rushcliffe, and Newark and Sherwood CVS' have established a Project Development Group to oversee this work. Membership comprises Trustees from each organisation and the Chief Executive Officer/Director to explore options for a more formal approach to our joint working to forge an effective partnership aimed at improving services to our users and secure long-term sustainability. All options have been considered up to and including merger. We have explored common areas of work and practice, identified differences and considered the best approach to delivery of services and how that can be organised most effectively. Currently we are exploring the option to merge into one entity covering South Nottinghamshire and Newark and Sherwood districts.

We want to deliver the best services to our users. We believe that working closer together, through a new merged organisation will enable us to make better use of our resources, offer increased value for money and improve the quality, range and consistency of service provision. In addition, it will present a greater opportunity for a sustainable and secure local infrastructure support service in our area. We also recognise that one of the greatest challenges will be to achieve efficiencies whilst retaining a local base for delivery and operations.

Jointly, both organisations are committed to making our potential merger a success, with a firm belief that through closer working and the sharing of resources we will ensure the long-term sustainability of our services and our organisations, and build stronger communities.



We also want to assure all stakeholders that the new organisation will continue any work funded externally within agreed parameters, and would continue to provide an excellent quality service and continue to build and develop partnerships.

Yours sincerely,

Jerry Hague: Chair N&S CVS

John Gray: Chair RCVS

Terry Shrimpton: Vice Chair N&S CVS

Bev Wormald: Vice Chair RCVS

Madeleine O'Sullivan: Director N&S CVS

Carolyn Perry CEO RCVS

Project Development Group Members