

External Witness Biographies – 7th February 2014

External Panel: Kent Care Homes Association

Kent Care Homes Association is a non-profit making organisation whose aim is *“to Support all members and provide a great service”*.

Kent Care Homes Association is an independent organisation founded by like-minded providers to promote a level of care based on quality the service user can trust. The Association was founded in 1980 and has grown significantly over the past thirty years supporting members across Kent and the surrounding areas.

KCHA primary function is to support our members and to provide a range of wider services including:

- DBS Disclosure Service
- Information on training opportunities
- Quality Assurance guidance for care providers
- Legal helpline provided by Brachers Solicitors in Maidstone
- Financial workshops in association with Lloyds TSB

KCHA, along with Kent Community Care Association (KCCA) and Kent and Medway Care Alliance (KMCA) disseminate information to the sector.

Attending the Select Committee today are:

1. Adrian Adams, Research Fellow at University of Kent,
2. Gill Gibb, Kent Care Homes Association & Chief Executive, Canterbury Oast Trust (Learning Disability)
3. Ann Taylor, Chief Executive, Kent and Medway Care Alliance
4. Clare Swan, Board Member, Kent Community Care Association