



Vikki Harding, Chief Executive

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Vikki Harding appointed to permanent Chief Executive.

We are pleased to announce that Vikki Harding, has been appointed to permanent Chief Executive with immediate effect.

Vikki, who has served as interim CEO since May 2019, was previously Director of Care at **ellenor**, with responsibility for leading the strategic development of holistic care services for patients of all ages and their families across Kent. She joined the charity in 2018 from NELFT NHS Foundation where she was Assistant Director.

With over 35 years' experience in the healthcare sector Vikki began her career as a registered nurse specialising in respiratory care where she worked as a nurse consultant engaged in the holistic care of patients with lung diseases. Commenting on the appointment, **ellenor** Chair of Trustees, Roger Wedderburn-Day, stated:

*"We are delighted that Vikki has agreed to lead **ellenor**. She has had an excellent year as interim CEO and has exciting plans to develop the organisation which we whole-heartedly support".*

Speaking of her new role Vikki says "I feel privileged to be given the opportunity to lead **ellenor** in what will be the next exciting stage of our development. Working with all our partners as interim CEO has given me a powerful insight into what we must focus on to support our community - the development of the Wellbeing Centre in Gravesend, enhancing the long-term financial stability of **ellenor**, and ensuring we meet the changing needs of our patients and their families".

We are **ellenor**, a charity funded by the generosity of our local community, offering the best care and support to families facing terminal illness in Kent. We are the **only** charity in the county that provides hospice care for people of all ages – babies, children and adults - and their families. This includes pain and symptom relief, end of life care, respite, bereavement support and emotional and spiritual care.

Our Children's Hospice Care, formerly known as chYps, is provided in the comfort of the family home and spans across North and West Kent and the London Borough of Bexley. Adults living in Gravesham, Dartford and Swanley, receive care in their place of choice, including their own homes, at our Hospice in Gravesend and in local care homes.

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