



Care Providers launch legal action against Norfolk County Council

Norfolk's independent care providers have joined forces to bring a legal challenge against Norfolk County Council for failing to take into account what it actually costs to provide good quality care and for the disproportionate amount it pays its own Norsecare homes. An application for judicial review was submitted to the High Court on the 8th June 2015.

Not only does the Norfolk County Council pay Norsecare far more per person per week, it pays them even if their beds are unoccupied. This enables them to pay much better wages than independent homes. Why does it cost so much more to provide care and support in a Norse Care home?

Tim Armitage, Chair of the Fair Price for Care, Fair Pay for Carers Campaign, said

'Our carers are by far the most important part of delivering high quality services and we want to reward them appropriately for what is a very demanding and responsible job. This is just not possible on current council fee levels. We recognise that times are hard but when money is limited it should be distributed fairly, the people of Norfolk deserve fairness. It is really quite simple, either they are paying Norsecare far too much, or they are paying independent providers far too little. We want a level playing field so all care providers in Norfolk are able to reward their care teams fairly.'

Norfolk County Council could be denying people choice as they strive to fill NorseCare beds first, as a result of their commitment to pay Norsecare for all their beds even when they are not occupied.

If you would like to know more about the Fair Price for Care, Fair Pay for Carers please contact Tim Armitage, Chair of the Campaign on info@fpcfpc.uk

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