



**Eastern and Coastal Kent
Community Services**

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Dear Graham,

Philip Greenhill (Managing Director) and I would like to invite one of your Local Involvement Network (LINK) representatives to become a co-opted member on our Community Services Board.

The Community Services Board fully support the evolution of LINKs and believe the work you are undertaking to improve the involvement of patients in developing services is making a real difference locally.

We are passionate about using patient experience to better develop our services. To assist this we feel the role of the co-opted member will ensure patients and the public remain at the heart of our decision making.

Relationships are already being built between LINKs and Community Services through the work being undertaken in our Communication and Engagement Team. I was also pleased to meet with John Fletcher and Louise Murrell at a recent meeting to discuss our agenda and how we can support each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent public support towards the Shaping Community Services agenda and our application to become a Trust.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Barkway
Chairman
NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Services

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