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MEDIA RELEASE

Community care provider welcomes new Chief Executive Officer

A new Chief Executive Officer has been announced to lead changes when three of Perth's well-known not-for-profit community care providers merge into one organisation later this year.

Community care providers Community First, Care Options and Volunteer Task Force will soon be merging to form a new organisation, which will employ around 400 staff and support more than 10,000 clients across Perth metropolitan and WA regional areas, as well as Adelaide.

The as-yet unnamed organisation will welcome new Chief Executive Officer Dan Minchin from 1 February.

Mr Minchin brings a wealth of experience in community care to the new role, having worked as an executive and strategic advisor in aged care, health and the wider social sector.

From 2010 to 2016, Mr Minchin was Head of Strategy and General Manager – East Coast at Silver Chain Group, during which time the organisation expanded from its WA home to operate in four States.

Over a 20-year career, he has also worked for and consulted with some of WA's best-known organisations in the fields of strategy, business development, transformation and service delivery.

"The new entity will combine the very best of three much-loved community organisations, enabling us to truly offer increased benefits to the people of Perth, regional WA, and Adelaide," Mr Minchin said. "The opportunity to join at this pivotal time is extremely exciting."

Dr Moira Watson, Chair of the merged entity, said the organisation was delighted to welcome Mr Minchin to guide the team through a period of significant change.

"Dan's experience and expertise will be enormously beneficial for our team as Community First, Care Options and Volunteer Task Force begin to merge into one organisation," she said.

"We are creating a purposeful, creative and thriving new care organisation and we look forward to beginning our journey with Dan at the helm, ensuring a smooth transition of services for all our clients as we continue to build a reputation for providing exceptional community care services in Perth."

Care Options is a non-profit, charitable organisation that assists elderly, ill, disabled and socially-isolated people to live and participate in their community. Care Options' multiple programs span South West Metropolitan Perth, as well as a small outlet in Adelaide, and include a range of home and community services.

Volunteer Task Force exists to provide people of limited financial, social and physical capacity the opportunity to live with safety, amenity and comfort in surroundings of their choice. The organisation provides gardening, domestic assistance, home maintenance, social visits and outings for people who are elderly or have disabilities.

Community First has grown over 30 years from a small Mandurah community services provider to being one of WA's most respected support based organisations, and a stable, recognised member of the local WA community, providing services to seniors, people with a disability and those experiencing mental illness.

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