

Care Together

Care Micro Enterprises (CMEs)

Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire

We have a total of ten Care Micro Enterprises (CMEs) covering Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. These include small companies and sole traders, both of which can offer highly personalised care and support services - supporting individuals to live well independently.

On 23 July we hosted our first South Cambridgeshire CME networking event at Cambourne Library. In attendance were CMEs from across all districts, as well as community partners and practitioners. The event provided a forum for CMEs and key stakeholders to build positive connections, strengthen signposting pathways, and share best practice. We will be hosting more CME network events in the future - those interested in learning more about CMEs and the support they offer, or those interested in potentially establishing their own CME, are encouraged to attend. For more details, contact james.bielak@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

East Cambridgeshire

We are very happy to welcome Megan McKenzie, the new CME Development Officer for East Cambridgeshire, to the team. Megan has been out and about talking to partners across the district, promoting existing CMEs, and promoting the two very new businesses that are just getting established in the area. If you would like to discuss becoming a CME, please email megan.mckenzie@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call the CME team hotline on 01223 706100.

Huntingdonshire

We now have 25 CMEs across Huntingdonshire, and in June an interview on Black Cat radio highlighted the importance of carers and showcased the work of CMEs. We also hosted a CME network meeting in Huntingdon Library in celebration of Carers Week, creating a fantastic opportunity for our internal teams, health colleagues and community partners to meet the CMEs in person. Ann Pinkney has been promoting the amazing funding offer, kindly sponsored by Huntingdonshire District Council, for individuals on 'low to no income' to cover some startup costs if they wish to be a CME. Please contact ann.pinkney@cambridgeshire.gov.uk if you would like any further information.

Fenland

We have 12 CMEs in Fenland, each with expertise in a range of complex areas, including hoarding, mental health support, and art therapy. Natalia Bedzieszak has supported events across the district and formed working relationships with the Department for Work and Pensions, Integrated Care System, district/parish councils, and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector. Recently, we have begun working with the College of West Anglia to develop training and recruitment opportunities within the local area. Please contact natalia.bedzieszak@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for more information.