

**9 January 2015**  
**Voyage Care**  
**Announcement**

**Board changes at Voyage Care**

Voyage Care, one of the UK's leading healthcare businesses is pleased to announce the appointment of Gavin Simonds as Non-Executive Chairman. Gavin replaces Graham Smith, who this month retired as Chairman after eight years in the role.

Gavin has developed a strong track record of Non-Executive Chairman roles. This includes companies in the healthcare sector, Craegmoor, the provider of support to people with learning disabilities and the elderly, and Classic Hospitals (now part of Spire Hospitals). Prior to his non-executive career, Gavin worked in the hotel sector, latterly as joint Managing Director of InterContinental Hotels. Gavin is currently Non-Executive Director of A-Gas, the leading independent global supplier of speciality gases.

Kevin Roberts will also step down from his position as Chief Executive with immediate effect. The company is initiating a process to appoint Kevin's replacement. In the meantime, Chief Financial Officer Andrew Winning who has been with Voyage for nearly four years, will be appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer, reporting to Gavin Simonds.

Gavin Simonds, Non-Executive Chairman of Voyage Care said:

"I am delighted to be joining the Voyage team, who have done a tremendous job in establishing the company as one of the leading providers of support to people with learning disabilities in the UK and one in which the care of the people it supports is the single most important driving factor of the business. With the support of its new investors Partners Group and Duke Street, Voyage is well placed to consolidate its position in the UK market while maintaining sector leading standards of care. I look forward to working with the Voyage team to deliver continued success for the Group."

Andrew Deakin of Partners Group said:

"We are pleased to welcome Gavin as the non-executive Chairman of Voyage Care. He brings with him a strong skill set ideally suited to leading the business into its next phase of growth. He also shares our passion for ensuring care levels remain industry leading and the most important measurement of success. We would also like to thank Kevin and Graham for their hard work and commitment in leading the development of Voyage and helping to provide the company with a strong platform for future growth. We wish them every success for the future."

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### **About Voyage Care**

Voyage Care is one of the UK's leading providers of specialist services for people with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD). It is the largest provider of registered care to the PMLD sector with 2,154 beds across 290 locations and the second largest supported living provider looking after over 1,200 individuals. Based in Lichfield, Staffordshire the company has been owned by Partners Group and Duke Street since September 2014.