

Hear for Norfolk launches new Mobile Aural Care Clinic

Norfolk Deaf Association (NDA), which since July 2020, following the approval from the Charity Commission, is operating as Hear for Norfolk, has continued with the provision of Aural Microsuction throughout the pandemic, seeing patients referred by GP practices from the Central Norfolk Locality of the Norfolk & Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (formerly North Norfolk, Norwich and South Norfolk CCGs), as well as self-referred, fee paying patients from any parts of Norfolk at our premises in Meridian Way, Norwich.

We are very pleased to inform our funders - Paul Bassham Trust, the Goodman Trust, Norwich Consolidated Charities and the Clothworkers' Foundation - that as from the 6th October 2020 we are able to see patients closer to their home as a result of launching our Mobile Aural Care Clinic (please see photos on how the project developed in the last few months from page 2). Thank you very much indeed for supporting our project and for making our dream become a reality!

The mobile clinic will reach out to vulnerable people in local communities, who are unable to access our clinics in Norwich. The mobile clinic is scheduled to visit Holt, Long Stratton, Fakenham, Swaffham, Wells-next-the-Sea, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth, Thetford and Beccles before the end of the year, with additional locations being added in January 2021.

Our Mobile Aural Care Clinic cost £70,000 to develop, including the purchase and conversion of a vehicle and the acquisition of medical equipment, such as the microscope, the microsuction machine, couch and medical trolleys.

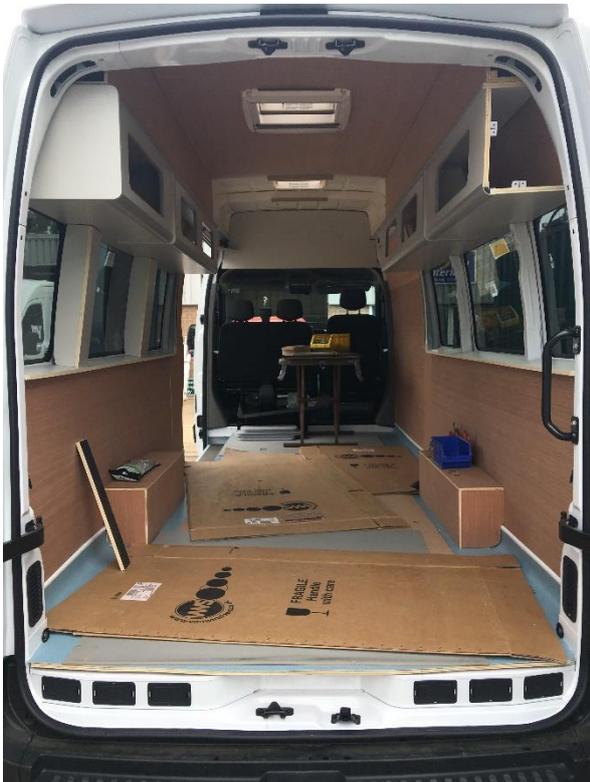
Running a high quality, safe and accessible service is a key priority and we have recruited a small team of highly experienced nurse practitioners, who operate the microsuction equipment. They will also be able to identify ear problems and refer them to primary care for treatment. We also have recruited a Mobile Clinic Assistant who will drive the vehicle and carry out the on-site administration, including all Covid-19 safety measures.

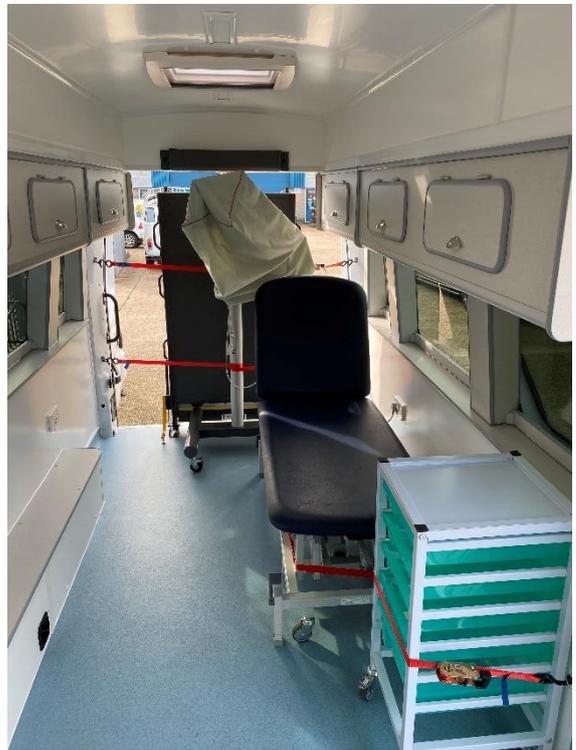
We would particularly like to thank our funders the Paul Bassham Trust, the Goodman Trust, Norwich Consolidated Charities and the Clothworkers' Foundation for your support, along with Holden Renault who supplied the vehicle and RS Vans Interiors who converted it. We are looking forward to getting on the road and providing a top-quality ear wax removal service for our patients.

We missed you at the launch of this service on 5th October but will look forward to welcoming you to our charity when you are able to visit. We are extremely grateful for your support.

Sir Richard Jewson, Patron of Hear for Norfolk, who officially 'launched' the aural care mobile clinic said: "Hear for Norfolk is a fine charity. It is wonderful how a small charity can show the way. The mobile microsuction ear wax removal service is much needed."

Aliona Derrett
Chief Executive
6th October 2020







Laura Crowe, our Aural Care Service Manager/Senior Practitioner



Aliona Derrett (CEO) with Terry Smith (Business Development Manager, Holden Renault) and Bob Scott (Owner, RS Vans Interiors)





Our Funders



Our Patron, Sir Richard Jewson KCVO JP launching the new service



Ready to go!!!

