



# Community Chaplaincy Norfolk

## Quarterly Report for our Supporters

QUARTER ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY NORFOLK - CCN

CCN is a Christian charity which works alongside people leaving prison (Clients), together with their families, offering mentoring and holistic support within prison, at and through the prison gate and in the wider community. The service is open to Clients of any faith or none. CCN supports Clients towards changes in attitude and behaviour, to enable desistance from crime, reducing the likelihood of returning to prison and improving their chances of reintegration into the community.

Through provision of Volunteer Mentors offering regular appointments, CCN give Clients support to engage with positive activities, reducing the likelihood of addictive or anti-social behaviours by identifying and encouraging personal interests, and working towards education, training or employment.

### CLIENT WORK OVER OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024

We received 4 referrals this quarter. Referrals have come from Community Offender Managers (2) and Chaplaincy Teams at HMP Wayland (2). Of these referrals 1 is engaging with a Mentor, 2 are assessed with first mentor meetings pending, and 1 was declined due to being released out of area and referred to community chaplaincy services in their local area.

A total of 27 Clients were open cases in this period, with 21 on our database as of 31st December. The age range of current clients is 22-72 years. We closed eleven cases this quarter, 6 due to disengagement, and five who completed all their goals and no longer needed support. We are currently supporting 3 clients in HMP Norwich, 2 in HMP Wayland, and 16 in the community.

### FUNDING NEWS

We are in a secure financial position, and estimate that we have funding secured to take us through to the beginning of April 2026. We are very grateful to all our supporters for making our work possible.

### THE WORK OF CCN VOLUNTEERS & STAFF

25 people have been willing and available to Mentor this quarter, with 22 currently actively engaging with clients. As well as emotional support and guidance, mentors have supported clients with goal setting, seeking and maintaining voluntary and paid employment, and moving from temporary to longer-term housing.



Christmas Social fun!



CCN Staff, Trustees, Clients and Mentors at our Annual Meeting

## EVENTS AND SERVICE NEWS

In November we hosted our Annual Meeting, which was well attended by members of the local faith community, charitable and statutory service partners, as well as our volunteers and clients. One of our clients shared the moving story of his journey since leaving prison in Spring 2024, and the positive changes he has made with the support of CCN and his mentor. He is keen for further opportunities to share his story through participating in CCN Roadshows at local groups and places of worship

Our Christmas Social was attended by CCN mentors, clients, trustees and staff, where we enjoyed a shared meal and Christmas games and quizzes.

We ran a mentor training course in November, which was attended by 6 trainees, 4 of whom have been accepted to become mentors, subject to references and DBS. They are currently completing the induction process before being assigned clients.

We have another training course starting at the end of January. We currently have 8 people who have expressed interest in attending.

3 members of our board of trustees stepped down this quarter, including our chair, Chris Tomlinson. We are pleased to welcome 2 new trustees at our January meeting, and our new chair, Paula Callam, who brings a wealth of experience from her many years with CCN as a volunteer, former staff member, and now trustee.

Thank you as always, for all your support, which we greatly appreciate.