

# JOINT CEO UPDATE SAD NEWS



Age UK Nottingham & Nottinghamshire (your independent local charity) is aware of social media activity regarding Nottinghamshire County Council's decision to cancel the Connect contract before its due date. The service will cease on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and we are now in the contract closedown period.

We are incredibly sad about this decision because of the impact we know it will have on the older people of Nottinghamshire. Our first Connect contract became operational in January 2016 and we have loved working with people to help them find the support they need to live a better quality of life. In the last year alone, we secured over £5 million in benefit entitlements for local people (money that directly boosts the local economy), helped around 4000 people find the support they need and 350 to leave hospital as quickly as possible (and so unblocking a bed for someone else to use). We worked in partnership with numerous other local support services and we thank them for that work. We know how hard older people are finding life right now and we know they will feel the impact of the loss of this service.

We are working closely with the people still in our service and we will do everything in our power to meet their needs before the final day of the contract.

We are extremely proud that Age UK Nottingham & Nottinghamshire has helped thousands of people over the last 10 years within this service. We would like to thank those of you who have supported us over the years of providing this and other services and we will be grateful for your ongoing support in the future.

We know that older and /or vulnerable people need our support, more now than ever, so please do continue to ring us, email us, and speak to us.

Age UK Notts is 85 in 2027 and no-one should underestimate our determination to be the best that we can be for the people who need us now and into the future.

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