

My Home Life England at City, University of London

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Vic Rayner OBE receives an Honorary Professorship at City, University of London.

Vic Rayner OBE has been awarded an honorary professorship by City, University of London. A widely-respected expert in the field of care, Rayner is CEO of the National Care Forum (NCF), the leading association for not-for-profit care providers. Rayner also contributes to multiple strategic groups with a focus on the social care workforce, digital transformation, new models of care and regulation. In 2021, Rayner received an OBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the social care sector.

Through her Honorary Professorship, Rayner will be located in the School of Health and Psychological Sciences and will support My Home Life England as they start implementing the next phase of their work through their new strategy. My Home Life England is an evidence-based, research-informed initiative, part of City, University of London, that works to promote positive practice and improve quality of life for those living, visiting and working in care homes and other care settings.

My Home Life England's new strategy supports the translation of research into practice. It places emphasis on supporting leadership within the care sector, research, community engagement and providing bespoke support to local care providers to take forward quality improvement. This is against the backdrop of the increasing challenges care settings are facing and the introduction of new quality statements by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Vic Rayner said: "I was very pleased to receive this honorary professorship which will enable me to work more closely with colleagues at City, University of London. It is very valuable for adult social care provision to work in partnership with academia as we grapple with the many changes that face those receiving care and support, working in the sector and managing services. Evidence based approaches to working in care are vital, and My Home Life England is an exemplar of putting research into practice. I look forward to exciting times ahead."

Tom Owen, Director of My Home Life England said: "We are delighted that we are able to work closely with Vic to ensure that My Home Life England is delivering the research, services and consultancy support that the care sector needs at this very challenging time. In particular we have developed [an offer directly for provider organisations](#)."

Debra Salmon, Dean of the School of Health and Psychological Sciences at City, University of London, said: "I'm delighted to support this appointment. The work of My Home Life England is a key element of our strategic priorities, including the translation of research into practice, social responsibility, promoting the health and wellbeing of individuals their families and wider communities and equality, diversity and inclusion."

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Notes to Editors

My Home Life England

- My Home Life is an international evidence-based, practiced-informed initiative that promotes quality of life and delivers positive change in care homes and other care settings.
- In England, My Home Life England is part of City, University of London, within the School of Health and Psychological Sciences. Our vision is to be a leading authority and enabler of positive change in care homes and other care settings, through high-quality training, consultancy, research and social action.
- My Home Life England runs transformative [professional support and development programmes](#), supporting care leaders to develop and realise their potential within the care sector. Our mission is to promote positive practice and improve quality of life for those living, visiting and working in care homes and other care settings. Our work supports the translation of research into practice, social responsibility and Human Rights, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
- My Home Life England also runs a national programme called Care Home Friends and Neighbours (Care Home FaNs), supporting care homes to be connected to their local communities through meaningful engagement.
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National Care Forum

- The National Care Forum brings together 160 of the UK's leading social care organisations, representing large numbers of care providers, offering thousands of services across the country, which are not for profit and always at the heart of community provision. Collectively, these organisations deliver more than £2.2 billion of social care and support to more than 217,000 people in 8,300 settings. The NCF membership body collectively employs more than 117,000 staff and 14,000 volunteers.
- More information is available on the National Care Forum at www.nationalcareforum.org.uk. @NCFCareForum @vicrayner @NCF_Liz
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City, University of London

- City, University of London is a global higher education institution committed to academic excellence, with a focus on business and the professions and an enviable central London location.
- City's academic range is broadly-based with world-leading strengths in business; law; health sciences; mathematics; computer science; engineering; social sciences; and the arts including journalism and music.
- City has around 20,000 students (46% at postgraduate level) from more than 160 countries and staff from over 75 countries.
- In the last REF, City doubled the proportion of its total academic staff producing world-leading or internationally excellent research.
- More than 140,000 former students from over 180 countries are members of the City Alumni Network.

- The University's history dates from 1894, with the foundation of the Northampton Institute on what is now the main part of City's campus. In 1966, City was granted University status by Royal Charter and the Lord Mayor of London became its Chancellor. In September 2016, City joined the University of London and HRH the Princess Royal became City's Chancellor.