



END OF LIFE DOULA UK

The Living Well Dying Well Network

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION STATUS

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For those unable to attend the AGM at our Gathering on 6 September please may we have any feedback (email secretary@eol-doula.uk) by 1 September 2019 or if you prefer you can call Aly Dickinson on 07887 840663

INTRODUCTION

Over the past months the Committee have been discussing the organisational status/structure for End of Life Doula UK to position us in the best place for the future. Currently we have the status of an unincorporated association and we were set up on this basis as it was the simplest and easiest way to establish us as a recognisable body but at the time we knew we would need to review this to future proof our community of practice. Key to these considerations has been to establish as an organisation which: -

- Has credibility in the eyes of the general public and other mainstream organisations
- Provides a sounder base to attract donations
- Positions us to make funding applications to grant awarding bodies
- Enables us to benefit from taxation exemptions and reductions
- Allows us to trade for example charging for workshops and conferences (currently we go through Living Well Dying Well for any trading activities which is an administrative burden and has associated costs)

Papers have been submitted for Committee Members' consideration on the options, and associated benefits and drawbacks of becoming a

- Charity
- Limited Company
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

After careful consideration the Committee approved the formation of a CIO and a constitution has been prepared for submission to the Charities Committee.

MAIN IMPLICATIONS

1. Vote of acceptance by members of the association at the AGM on Friday 6 September to the establishment of the CIO
2. Dissolution of the existing unincorporated membership Association when the CIO is in place
3. Establishment of the new CIO called End of Life Doula UK
4. Appointment of Trustees
5. Appointment by Trustees of the Executive Steering Committee

PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR THE CIO

TRUSTEES: Responsibilities: To determine the overall direction and development of the CIO through good governance and clear strategic planning.



EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE: Responsibilities: To provide guidance on the different issues facing the Trustees of End of Life Doula UK. To act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, the Trustees for the implementation of the business plan and on projects to ensure completion.



NEXT STEPS

1. Take proposal to the AGM on 6 September 2019 and ask for vote from those present to dissolve the unincorporated Membership Association and set up the CIO
2. Make application to the Charity Commission for CIO status. Please note that it will be at least 8 weeks before submitting the application to the Charity Commission before we receive approval.
3. Trustees to appoint members of the Executive Steering Committee
4. Prepare implementation plan