



## **Neel Radia is re-elected as national chair for the National Association of Care Catering**

Neel Radia has been re-elected to the role of national chair of the National Association of Care Catering (NACC) for a further two years.

Roger Denton has also been named national secretary of the association that represents professionals providing and associated with the provision of catering to the care industry.

Since September 2013 Neel has successfully led the organisation against a backdrop of a care sector under enormous pressure due to the ever-growing older population and social care budget cuts enforced in times of austerity. Under his leadership, awareness and support of the NACC and its vital campaigns have significantly increased.

Notably, Neel has passionately championed the protection of Meals on Wheels services, calling on government to make the vital service statutory throughout the UK. Through research, public speaking and ongoing action, the NACC has put the issue firmly on the political and public agenda and in his second term Neel is determined to up the ante.

Neel is also an advocate of the power of training and development, both for those already working in the industry and those looking to embark on a career in care catering. He was instrumental in the creation of the very first professional qualification for the sector, the *NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery in Health and Social Care Catering*, in collaboration with the Hospital Caterers Association and Barnet and Southgate College.

Neel comments: "I am incredibly proud and honoured to be re-elected as NACC national chair. It really is a huge endorsement of the hard work of the past two years. In this time the team has laid firm foundations that I am thrilled to be able to build upon. For example, the pilot of the first ever professional qualification for social care catering was a particular highlight and I very much look forward to taking this to

the next level. I must also mention Meals on Wheels. We have a long battle ahead to ensure that this valuable service is protected for future generations but as an association, we are ready.

“The care sector encompasses a broad range of needs – from the much-publicised older generation to younger people in care and also those with special needs. As national chair of the NACC I am committed to ensuring that our work to uphold excellence in care catering reaches everyone.”

Neel works for Raj Foods, the manufacturer of Halal and ethnic meals for the care and health sector. Before assuming the position of national chair, Neel led the South East region of the NACC for six years with unprecedented success, scooping *Region of the Year* at the NACC Awards on four occasions.

Roger Denton is a long-standing active member of the NACC and former NACC national chair. He too is passionate about protecting the Meals on Wheels service and his legacy as national chair was the creation of the esteemed NACC Meals on Wheels Week in 1997. Roger’s career has seen him manage catering services in three London boroughs.

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### **About the National Association of Care Catering (NACC)**

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- Promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- Provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- Facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- Promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- Commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- Publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

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