NETWORK PARTNER CONFERENCE 2023

FIFTY YEARS FORWARD FOR CARERS

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Fifty years on from the birth of the first ever local carer organisations in the UK and with a general election fast approaching, we are taking the opportunity of this year’s conference to cast a determinedly forward look at the transformation needed in our society’s approach to care.

As such, we have assembled an impressive array of speakers to help us have that conversation. These include commissioners, funders, policymakers, think tanks, other social care experts and, of course, Network Partners themselves.

The first day of the conference will focus on future support needs of unpaid carers as well as the changing needs faced by our future health and social care system. The second day will explore the practical steps needed to realise that future, with a focus on organisational development, commissioning and funding practice.

We have also worked in lots of opportunities for networking, at both our ‘marketplace’ and at the conference dinner. With up to 200 of us gathered over the two days, we know how important it is to have time to meet new and known faces and to learn from each other.

Finally, I wanted to thank all of you for the great work you do in your communities. I know from my travels around the country the difference you make and the challenges you face. Collectively we reach over one million unpaid carers, but there is, oh, so much more to do. It is a privilege working with all of you.

Here’s to a great two days.

Kirsty McHugh
Chief Executive Officer, Carers Trust
Gallagher is proud to sponsor the 2023 Network Partner Conference. We have worked with Carers Trust for more than 30 years and during this time, have been a part of the many changes across the organisation.

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Gallagher is dedicated to supporting Carers Trust and its network partners to enable them to provide essential support to their service users.

External Exhibitors:
**CONFERENCE AGENDA – DAY 1**

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<td>The Future of the UK Health and Social Care Workforce</td>
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## CONFERENCE AGENDA – DAY 2

### 9:00 Welcome to Day Two

### 9:15 Network-led sessions exploring good practice and insights from across the UK

1. **Money Matters: Financial Support for Carers** with Carers Trust Crossroads West Wales
2. **Getting it Right? Working with Young Adults** with Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers and York Carers Centre
3. **Local Carers Organisations role in addressing health and social inequalities** with Northamptonshire Carers
4. **From overwhelming demand to effective triage: Our journey transforming carer support** with Carers in Bedfordshire
5. **Effective Partnerships, Supporting Carers' Learning Journeys** with Carers Centre Tower Hamlets

### 10:30 Day 2 Plenary

The changing funding and commissioning landscape for local carer organisations

- Mark Purvis, The UK National Lottery Community Fund
- Beth Robinson, Department of Health and Social Care
- Campbell McNeil, NHS England’s North East and Yorkshire Region

Chaired by Rohati Chapman, Carers Trust

### 11:25 Organisational Development Workshop Sessions:

1. **Local Media Engagement, Communications and Marketing** with Matt Whitticase, Carers Trust
2. **Sustainable Leadership: leading in challenging times** with Alice Dabrowska and Claudia Venosa-Hepworth, The Cranfield Trust
3. **Investability and winning support for your organisation** with Stephen Cahill, The Cranfield Trust
4. **Using Data and Evidence to support Sustainability** with Andrew Russell, Carers Trust

### 12:35 Closing Keynote

Beverley Tarka, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), in conversation with Kirsty McHugh, Carers Trust

### 13:30 Lunch and Departure

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CONFERENCE
PLENARY SPEAKERS

Simon Bottery
Senior Fellow
The Kings Fund

Nadia Brookes
Social Care Innovation Lead
Centre for Care

Rohati Chapman
Executive Director of Programmes,
Policy and Impact
Carers Trust

Dr. Anna Dixon
Chair
The Reimagining Care Commission

Miriam Martin
CEO
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Kirsty McHugh
CEO
Carers Trust

Campbell McNeil
Experience of Care Lead
NHS England’s North East and Yorkshire Region
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<td>Chris Whiteley</td>
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CONFERENCE WORKSHOP LEADERS

With thanks to Pastel for sponsoring our conference breakout rooms

Margaret Adams
Chair of the Service User and Carer Reference Group
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear
- NHS Foundation Trust

Alane Bould
Associate Director for Involvement and Lived Experience
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear
- NHS Foundation Trust

Stephen Cahill
Regional Manager, Scotland
The Cranfield Trust

Anne Carlile
Lead Governor and Carer
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear
- NHS Foundation Trust

Dominic Carter
Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Carers Trust

Alice Dabrowska
Head of Operations
The Cranfield Trust
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KEEPING CONNECTED
THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE

Throughout the conference we encourage you to share your reflections, engage in debate and connect with delegates using the conference hashtag on social media: #50YearsForwardForCarers

See what others are saying about the conference on social media:

www.facebook.com/CarersTrust
www.twitter.com/CarersTrust
www.youtube.com/user/CarersTrust
www.linkedin.com/company/carers-trust
www.instagram.com/carers.trust

Come to the conference marketplace for information and support from a range of Carers Trust teams – from Grants and Programmes and Social Impact to Network Development.

To access details on workshop rooms and follow-up information and resources please scan this QR code