JOIN OUR CARERS TRUST NETWORK!

About Carers Trust
Carers Trust is a major charity for, with and about carers. We work to improve support, services and recognition for anyone living with the challenges of caring, unpaid, for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems.

We do this with a UK wide network of quality assured independent partners and through the provision of grants, to help carers get the extra help they need to live their own lives. With these locally based Network Partners we are able to support carers in their homes through the provision of replacement care, and in the community with information, advice, emotional support, hands on practical help and access to much needed breaks. We offer specialist services for carers of people of all ages and conditions and a range of individually tailored support and group activities.

About the Carers Trust Network
The Carers Trust Network is made up of 121 Network Partners across England, Scotland and Wales. We are the largest network of organisations across the UK that specialises in the support and wellbeing of unpaid carers.

Find out more
Being a part of The Carers Trust Network will give you access to grants, decision makers, innovative programmes and support to develop. If you’re delivering carer services in England, find out how joining our network can benefit you and your organisation.
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A NETWORK PARTNER?
There’s loads in it for you!

Dedicated and responsive support from our Network Support Team. We will answer enquiries, signpost and provide you with intelligence about what is happening in and outside the network. We can offer tailored support with specific issues and guidance around quality assurance and improvement.

Access to our grants programme which provides grants to help carers to have a better quality of life as they provide the care they want to. Our grants also support Network Partners to develop sustainability and drive innovative solutions for targeted communities of carers.

Regular enewsletters and emails that provide policy updates, information on training courses, updates on best practice in the network and the latest commissioning information.

We are able to bring Network Partners together in teams in order to explore areas of special interests and expertise.

We support Network Partners to actively raise the voice of carers and make sure they are heard through our policy work, ensuring that practice informs policy.

Annual conference and events. You will gain access to training events and other forums for learning and sharing, including webinars. Learn from key speakers on topics such as impact, service delivery, engagement, leadership, quality improvement, commissioning and many more.

Quality Assurance and Improvement programme. We can support you to make sure your organisation meets all legal and regulatory requirements and provide a benchmark of best practice through accreditation to the Carers Trust ‘Excellence for Carers’ quality standard.

Access to our Knowledge Hub – our portal which enables best practice, resources, innovation, intelligence and other relevant information to be shared with and between Network Partners.

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**Bids and tendering.** We can provide you with cost-effective support with all your tendering and development bids using our external consultants.

**Intelligence and insight support.** We can support you to effectively use intelligence and insight to improve your services and put you in a strong position to access a range of funding. Bespoke analysis of external data, demographics of your population, case studies of effective use of intelligence and insights into commissioning are available for you to access on our Knowledge Hub.

**Impact management support.** We can support you to effectively measure outcomes and impact. Measuring the difference your services make to carers is of paramount importance to funders, as well as helping you focus on improvement. Guidance, templates, up-to-date methodologies and case studies of high-quality impact measurement are available on our Knowledge Hub to help facilitate better impact measurement.

"Being a Network Partner with The Carers Trust Network brings with it many advantages. It enables us to learn from and share with other like-minded organisations within the network which informs our practice and approach, and encourages us to continually review and develop our service offer to carers. It presents opportunities for partners to work with others in the network to capacity build and innovate. The ability to access a range of funding and grant opportunities allows us to build on and compliment our own income generation plans. Access to policy and other key information and resources enhances our ability to influence and advocate for carers at a local level. It gives us opportunities to use our own skills, knowledge and experience to advocate for and support change at a national level". **Melissa Wilks, Chief Executive Officer, Richmond Carers Centre**
Added benefits for providers of Care Quality Commission regulated services

- Access to group insurance. This is comprehensive and targeted coverage.
- Access to the Operational Framework. This is regularly updated and provides you with policies, guidance and procedures to ensure compliance, regulations and insurance cover.
- Access to expert consultants through a dedicated helpline.
- Tailored workshops and discussion opportunities to support specialist regulated services.

We can help
Find out more about the work of Carers Trust at:
www.carers.org

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