

## ***Carers in Hertfordshire***

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

*Carers in Hertfordshire* was formed in 1995 by carers as a countywide Charity and became a charitable company limited by guarantee in 2000. We are associate members of Carers UK and members of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers Network of carers centres.

A Board of Trustees governs *Carers in Hertfordshire*. Our Memorandum and Articles of Association require that 50% of Trustees must be carers.

### **Aims**

- To ensure all carers receive information, advice and support
- To enable carers to participate in service planning and decision making
- To be a platform for the voice of carers

*Carers in Hertfordshire* fulfils these aims through a mix of strategic work, development activity and direct service provision to carers.

*Carers in Hertfordshire's* work is delivered by approximately 40 staff and 10 volunteers in local services within communities in Hertfordshire and from our base in the county town of Hertford. We currently have 3 office bases in Hertford, Hemel Hempstead and Hitchin and in addition have a rented space in a Watford community centre.

*Carers in Hertfordshire* staff and volunteers work with and for carers, 1-1 and in groups. We provide information, problem solving and support. We also arrange a variety of ways for carers to have a voice and influence service improvements. We work closely and collaboratively with professional staff in a wide range of voluntary and statutory organisations to link our services and assist them to develop a carer friendly focus. We manage specialist projects targeted to particular caring circumstances.

*Carers in Hertfordshire* is core funded by Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire NHS Primary Care Trusts, and receives additional support from donations and other charitable trust funds.

For further information see:  
**[www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk)**