

## Becoming a Trustee for Carers' Resource

### About Carers' Resource:

Carers' Resource is an independent, award-winning Yorkshire charity which exists to support unpaid carers. We provide information, advice and support to young and adult carers, to the people they care for and to professionals who work with them.

As the charity has grown and developed, we have taken on other services, too. For example, we help people after they return home from hospital, and provide assistance in people's own homes through our dedicated Care@ service.

**Purpose of Role:** Carers' Resource is looking for new Trustees to join the board.

Among other responsibilities, Board members:

Ensure that the organisation complies with its governing documents, charity law, company law and other relevant legislation or regulations;

Support the leadership team in giving strategic direction to the organisation, setting overall policy and defining goals;

Work with each other to establish performance targets for the organisation.

If you think this could be you, please get in touch! If you know someone else you think might be ideal for our board – pass this on to them!



**Location:** Bradford, Craven, Harrogate or Selby areas

**Required qualities:**

- Commitment to Carers' Resource
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- Integrity
- Strategic vision
- Good, independent judgement
- Ability to think creatively
- Willingness to speak their mind
- Understanding and acceptance of the duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trustees
- Understanding of the need for confidentiality, sensitivity and to be non-judgemental

**Additional desirable qualities:**

- Appreciation of carers' needs and awareness of current issues affecting carers
- Experience of working with diverse communities
- A skilled communicator and negotiator
- An ordered systematic approach to work and an eye for detail
- Experience or knowledge of the role played by statutory, private and voluntary sectors, the way they operate and of community care issues.

**Time Commitment:** The minimum commitment is six meetings a year, our AGM and a half day planning session. You will also need time to read papers and reports.

**Tasks:** Participate in regular board meetings. Review papers and reports on the charity.

**Expenses:** Agreed expenses are reimbursed

**Benefits of volunteering:**

- Participate in your community
- Gain knowledge of issues experienced by carers
- Be part of a team
- Develop friendships

**Restriction on trustee appointments :** We cannot appoint anyone who:

- Is under 18 years of age
- Has an unspent conviction for; an offence involving dishonesty or deception, specified terrorism offences (or is a designated person under specific anti-terror law), a specified money laundering offence, contravening a Charity Commission Order or Direction, offences of misconduct in public office, perjury or perverting the course of justice.
- Currently declared bankrupt or subject to bankruptcy restrictions or an interim order or have an individual voluntary arrangement with creditors
- On the sex offenders' register
- Disqualified from being a company director
- Removed from a trustee role by either the Charity Commission or the High Court due to misconduct and or mismanagement

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