

Care Alliance Ireland

Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017



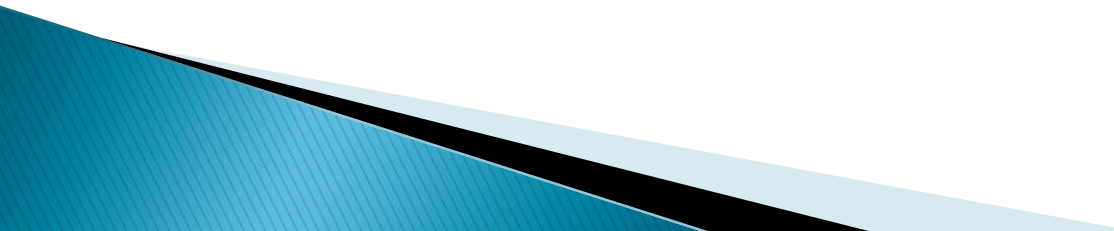
Mission Statement

Care Alliance Ireland exists to enhance the quality of life for Family Carers. We achieve this by supporting our member organisations in their direct work with Family Carers through the provision of information, developing research and policy, sharing resources, and instigating opportunities for collaboration.

Vision

That the role of Family Carers is fully recognised and valued by society in Ireland.

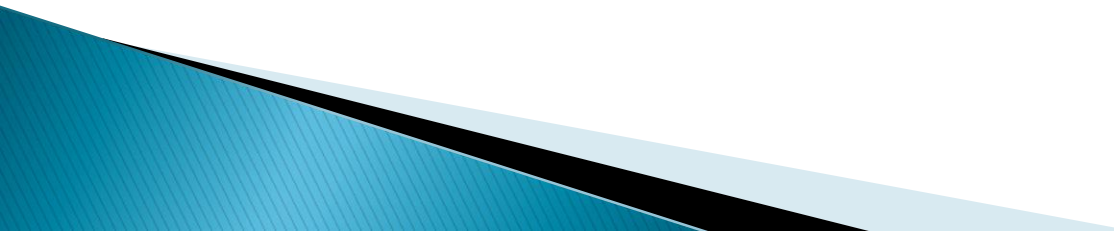
Context

- ▶ Builds on the previous strategic plan (2010 – 2013)
 - ▶ Developed out of extensive consultation with our member organisations, potential member organisations and other relevant stakeholders
 - ▶ Takes account for the significant challenges facing our member organisations and the caring sector
 - Reductions in incomes for family carers and member organisations
 - Changing demographics
 - Increased demand for members' services
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Strategic Priorities for 2014 – 2017

1. Providing a united voice for, and strengthening the impact and relevance of, Family Caring organisations in Ireland.
2. Providing up-to-date, relevant information to our members in a timely and accessible manner.
3. Supporting primary and applied research on Family Caring and the role of Family Carers.
4. Building the profile and raising awareness of Care Alliance Ireland.
5. Ensuring we have the capacity and resources to progress strategic priorities.
6. Supporting member organisations and international alliances.

1. Providing a united voice for, and strengthening the impact and relevance of, Family Caring organisations in Ireland.

- ▶ Significant representative voice for the Family Carer sector;
 - ▶ Prepare policy submissions on issues of relevance to Family Carers and our member organisations;
 - ▶ Provide opportunities for our members to network through meetings, events and workshops.
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National Carers Strategy Implementation Working Group



Pre-Budget Submission



'Guiding support for family carers'

Pre-Budget Submission for Budget 2015 to The Department of Social Protection

Recognising and Respecting Family Carers in Ireland as Key Partners in Care

June 2014

Background

Care Alliance Ireland is the National Network of Voluntary Organisations supporting Family Carers. Our vision is that the role of Family Carers is fully recognised and valued by society in Ireland. We exist to enhance the quality of life of Family Carers. We achieve this by supporting our 98 member organisations in their direct work with Family Carers through the provision of information, developing research and policy, sharing resources, and instigating opportunities for collaboration.

There are approximately 274,000 Family Carers in the Republic of Ireland. Family Carer support is provided by a number of organisations, including those dedicated solely to carer support and others who support carers as part of their response to individuals with specific conditions. We work with our 98 member organisations and other agencies to support them in their work with Family Carers

Our legitimacy derives from our membership base which includes all the carer organisations and virtually all the disease/disability-specific organisations currently providing services to Ireland's Family Carers. Our membership is comprised of both large and small, regional and national organisations.

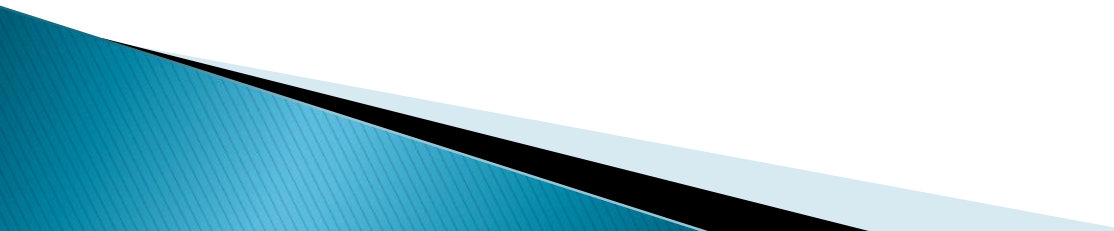
What we do

We work with organisations in order that they can enhance the information and supports they provide to Family Carers. We provide them with opportunities to collaborate on initiatives including National Carer Week, a multi-

Represent the voice of our members at relevant opportunities



2. Providing up-to-date, relevant information to our members in a timely and accessible manner.

- ▶ Produce information, including policy and research to inform member organisations;
 - ▶ Disseminate the latest national and international policy, research and practice initiatives.
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Newsletters and relevant reports

Care Alliance Ireland Exchange Summer 2014 Issue 44

New App for Family Carers who Share the Care

As part of the 8th National Carers Week, a new app was launched by Care Alliance Ireland. Called Jointly App and developed by Carers UK, the app makes caring for someone a little easier, less stressful, and a lot more organised, by making communication and coordination between those who share the care as easy as a text message.



Speaking about the launch, Liam O'Sullivan, Executive Director of Care Alliance Ireland, said: "this app can make a real difference to enhancing

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Between Worlds: The Experiences And Needs Of Former Family Carers EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

McCarron, Breen, Cronin, Hynes, O'Sullivan & McCallion

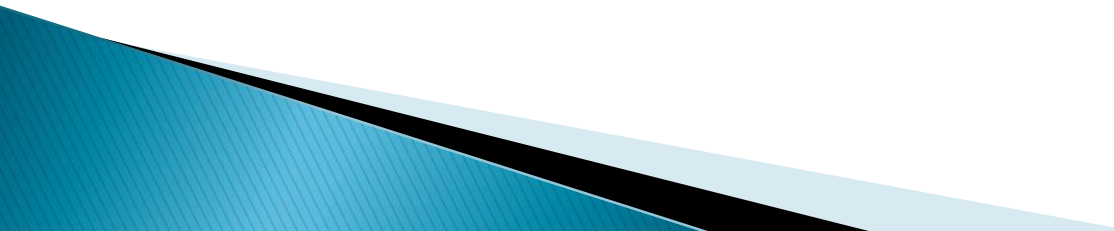


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Guiding support for family carers

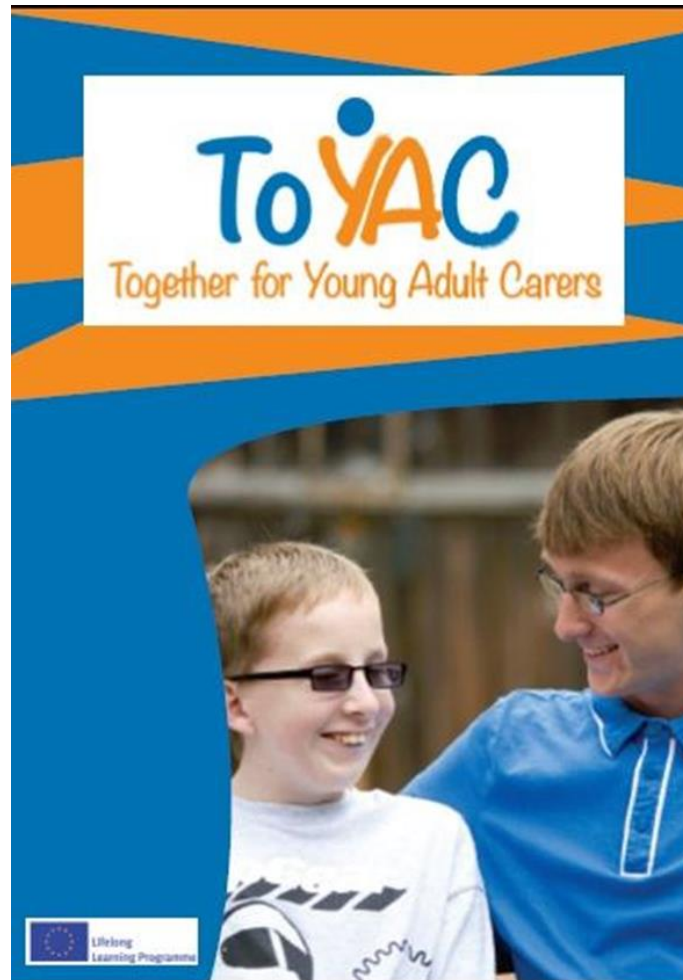
Family Caring in Ireland

May 2013


3. Supporting primary and applied research on Family Caring and the role of Family Carers.

- ▶ Communicate and support carer-specific research;
 - ▶ Influence the Family Carer research agenda through collaboration with third level institutions and statutory bodies, both nationally and internationally.
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Useful publications



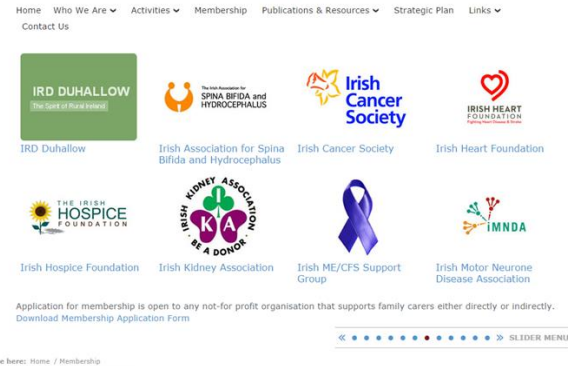
4. Building the profile and raising awareness of Care Alliance Ireland.

- ▶ Expand membership;
 - ▶ Increase active engagement and participation of member organisations;
 - ▶ Continue the lead coordination of National Carers Week and organise at least one other significant annual event;
 - ▶ Increase understanding and awareness of the alliance through social media.
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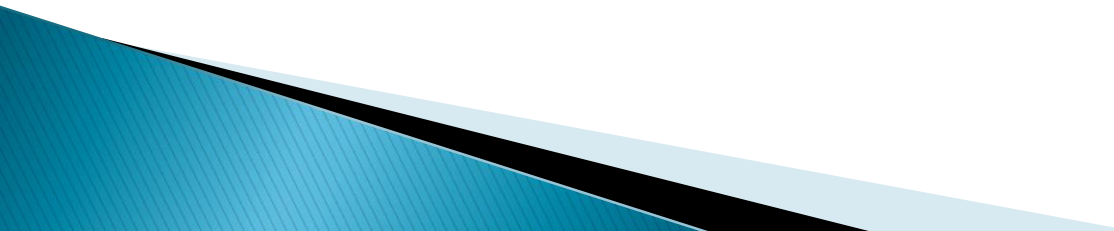
Growing membership and our involvement with them



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5. Ensuring we have the capacity and resources to progress strategic priorities.

- ▶ Secure the resources needed to successfully implement our vision, mission and objectives;
 - ▶ Develop and implement exemplary governance structures and promote this through our members;
 - ▶ Support the ongoing development of staff, volunteers and board.
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Funding and Governance



Gerard McCaffrey
Chairperson



Marie Lynch
Treasurer



Geraldine Clarke



Avril Dooley



Clare Duffy



Fergus O'Rourke



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Nora Kirrane

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Comhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Heritage and Local Government

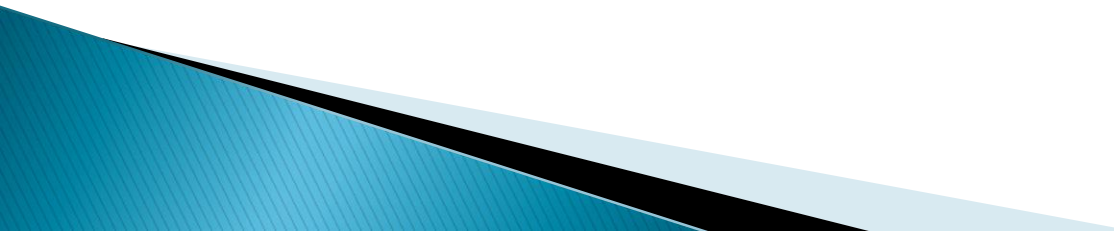


**National
Lottery**



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

6. Supporting member organisations and international alliances.

- ▶ Support the development of member organisations;
 - ▶ Share details of funding opportunities relevant to their work with Family Carers;
 - ▶ Develop international links and participate in international networks to facilitate the transfer of good practice and policies.
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Funding opportunities & partnerships



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gcuntas díomhaoin
the dormant
accounts fund

Business in the

Community

Ireland



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

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For more information



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