



# Carers network



South West  
Yorkshire Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Purpose

To support and include carers as equal partners in the care and treatment of their family member/s and friends. The carers network is an integral part of our commitment to the family, friends and carers commitment: [www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/0766-Family-friends-and-carers-commitment-A4-V3.pdf](http://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/0766-Family-friends-and-carers-commitment-A4-V3.pdf)

## Membership

Open to carers and allies of the carers network. Recruitment of membership open all year round. Email [gillian.cowell1@swyt.nhs.uk](mailto:gillian.cowell1@swyt.nhs.uk) to become a member.

## Operating model

The group meet quarterly for two hours. Meetings are chaired by a nominated carers lead from services or a nominated deputy chair from within the membership. A carer with lived experience or a carer champion will act as co-chair, supported by the wider membership.

## Behaviours

The network will run and work in line with the Trust's mission, values and behaviours.

## Governance

The group will provide updates to the equality and inclusion committee (E/IC) annually, and any issues which require approval should be escalated to the group. A summary report of work undertaken by the group will be fed back to the E/IC, including progress on the carers' passport ([www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/service-users-and-carers/carers-support/carers-passport/](http://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/service-users-and-carers/carers-support/carers-passport/)), staff carer awareness training, carers wellbeing training and any other related activities.

## Measuring impact

The success of the network is measured by the level of members, influence and engagement, co-production and the opportunities for joint working with carers, services and external partners to improve Trust services.

## Key topics

- Ensuring that families and carers matter in the service user journey.
- Triangle of Care.
- Making sure carers have a voice.
- Progress on actions that involve carers.

## Collaborative working and accessibility

The network will co-create, co-produce, and co-design to support collaboration across the organisation and between other networks. The Trust's intranet and website will be a mode of communication and resource for all. Communication with members and others will be via the network's dedicated mailbox.

If you require a copy of this information in any other format or language please contact the Trust.

With **all of us** in mind.