Care Alliance Ireland

Milestones over the past 20 years
1995

• First meeting
• First Chairperson
1996

- First - Newsletter
- First - Seminar
- Membership – 25 Organisations
1997

• First AGM
• 4th Edition – Newsletter
• National Carers Register Set Up – 1,400
1998

- Elder Care Network Begin’s
1999

• Secured Department of Health/HSE Annual Funding
2000

• Employment of First Staff Member
2001

• European - Elder Care Network Report
2002

- National Seminar – The role of Statutory Bodies in Supporting Family carers.
2003

- Membership Reaches 50 organisations
- Joint Conference – Care Alliance/Carers Northern Ireland
2004

- Appointment of National Development Officer
- New Newsletter Design
- Formation of more formal ‘Board’
2005

- Research Funding secured through the Equality Authority
2006

• Research Funding Secured through the Combat Poverty Agency
• Move to The Carmichael Centre
2007

• Secured State Funding as a Federation
• First Website
• Set Up National Carers Week
• Representation on Board of Eurocarers
2008

- Incorporation
- Draft Home Care Guidelines
- Appointment of Policy and Research Officer
- Establishment of Family Carer Research Group
- Staff member appointed as Treasurer of Eurocarers
- Visit by Family Carers to Aras an Uachtarain
2009

- Joint Conference with the Neurological Alliance of Ireland
- First Position paper - Ref Board Snip Nua
- Successful bid to EU Commission for Life After Care Project
- Publication of First Strategic Plan
- Recruitment of a Director through Boardmatch
- Delivered Family Carer Training Seminar
- Funding secured from IRCHSS to undertake collaborative Primary Research with TCD - Former Carers
2010

• Memorandum of Understanding and Workplan - with The Disability Federation of Ireland
• First Social Work Student
• Published Research on Family Carers of People with Parkinsons
2011

- Begin Joint Press Statements with other Federations/Alliances
- Published Research on Former Carers
2012

• New Website and Logo Membership Development Initiative - 15 new Members
2013

- Full Compliance with the Governance Code
- Provision of Secretariat for Not for Profit Home Care Providers Group
- New Auditors - DCON
2014

- 100 Member Organisations
- Appointment to Board of IACO
- Secured Research Funding for ‘Benefit Finding in Caring’ with UL.
- 67% Increase in Funding from Federations Scheme
2015

- Successful Funded Co-Applicants for HRB Research
- Pre-Pilot of Carer Needs Assessment
- Twitter Account
- eZine and Position Papers Developed
- Presented 2 Papers at 6th International Carers Conference, Chaired Two Sessions
Have you heard about Carers Week 2015?

No, when is it on?

June 8th - 14th
Quotes/Feedback on Carers Week

• (On the Merchandise)
  “Thanks Kaitlyn for the biro and the (trolley coin)key ring. Tokens are very handy, especially the €2 one for Aldi!”

• (On the Events)
  “very positive, engaged with carers 'old' and new. but too many events puts unnecessary strain on organisers”

• (On the quality of the Facebook Posts)
  ‘It was great, I was excited to see all the updates and support we get as carers!’
Carers Voices – You Tube Video

https://youtu.be/OeSU2q2JehQ
Carers Week 2015

National Carers Week 2015
Thank you family carers!

The Caring Family
15 Carers Road
Co. Wicklow

With Compliments

T: +353 1 674 7776
“This is indeed good news and a big step forward! I would appreciate receiving a copy of the draft assessment tool and instruction manual, if possible. We will look forward to following your full international pilot on assessing caregiver needs in 2016.”

(In response to Communication about Carer Needs Assessments)

Senior Strategic Policy Advisor,
AARP Public Policy Institute, USA
Quotes/Feedback from Stakeholders

“Thank you so much for your attendance at the Care Centre Focus Group. It was great to have your there and get your input. I appreciate it was a crazy busy week for you and we really appreciated you taking the time out to attend this amongst the Carers Week events.”

• CEO, Condition Specific Organisation
Quotes/Feedback from Stakeholders

“This is fantastic, it is exactly the type of help we need. Thank you so much. You are always there to support us, I am very grateful.”

(In response to placing a link to a Carer Support Magazine on our National Carers Week Facebook page.)

Aviva Cohen, Founder of Research and Hope and of Neurohero.
Quotes/Feedback from Stakeholders

“Well done! I love the layout of the key findings. It's really clear & easy to read! The use of the logo and boxes in the conclusion of the main text are great too..... Another publication there!”

(Publication of Literature Review on the Relationship between Family Carers and Home Care Support Workers.)
Development Manager, Irish Hospice Foundation.
“Thank you so much for helping me with the subtitling of the Young Carers video. Thanks to your support we will be able to share it with non-English speaking audience during our upcoming Carers Day and we will therefore contribute to raise awareness on the issue of young carers in Italy.

Licia Boccaletti, EU project manager, Anziani e non solo soc. coop.
Quotes/Feedback from Stakeholders

“That's brilliant info.... I hadn't spotted that funding so I've sent off an application this morning! Thanks for the tip! Keep up the good work!”

(In response to notification of Respite Funding Opportunity from a Philanthropic Organisation.)

Manager: Family Support Services,
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland
Quotes/Feedback from Stakeholders

“Thanks for this; is very relevant for our family carer training.”

Policy and Research Manager from member organisation commenting on receipt of latest research from BMJ on dementia/carer intervention
Quotes/Feedback from Stakeholders

Congratulations to you and everyone there on an extremely successful Carers Week! We really appreciate all the support you gave us in the lead up to and during the week.

Advocacy Officer,
Partner organisation in Carers Week
Some Publications

Health and Well-being of Family Carers in Ireland:

Results of a survey of recipients of the Carer’s Allowance

Liam O’Sullivan
Care Alliance Ireland
Coleraine House, Coleraine Street, Dublin 7
info@carealliance.ie
RESEARCH WORKING PAPER 2008/11
ISBN: 978-1-905485-72-7
November 2008

Life after Care
A handbook to support transition to post-caring

Care Alliance Ireland
"Guiding support for family carers"
Current Board Members
More Publications!
Previous Board Members

[Images of previous board members]
Newsletters – x 47
And new for 2015 – eZines!

Welcome to the first edition of the new Care Alliance Ireland Research & Policy e-Zine

We hope you will find the contents interesting and informative. Every two months we will bring you the latest news, policy updates and research in the field of family care. If you would like to discuss any of the contents with us or if you have any suggestions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with our Policy and Research Officer, Zoe. She can be reached by email (zoe@caralliance.ie) or by phone (086 883 4942).

New Policy & Research Officer

Care Alliance Ireland is pleased to announce the appointment of Zoe Hughes as our new Policy and Research Officer. The post is funded through the Scheme to Support National Organisations, and it is envisaged that Zoe will work on all aspects of the policy and research work of Care Alliance. Zoe is a qualified social worker, having graduated from the Master in Social Work programme (TCD) in 2008. She holds a H. Dip. in Social Policy (UCD, 2006) and an M. Litt. in disability research (TCD, 2013). Zoe has previously worked as a social care worker, and has experience of being a family carer in her personal life. She has also worked with groups such as Empowering People in Care and The National Parents and Siblings Association on various policy projects, and with the National Institute for Intellectual Disability (Trinity College Dublin) on various research projects related to disability. Zoe is available via email (zoe@caralliance.ie) and phone (086 883 4942).

8th Annual Carers Representative Forum

On 24 February, the 8th Government Department Consultation Meeting of Carer Representative Groups took place in Dublin. This is an annual event hosted by the Department of Social Protection as part of its commitments under the National Carers Strategy (National Goal 1, Objective 1.1.4.). In addition, Care Alliance Ireland hosted its annual pre-forum breakfast, which gave member organisations and other forum participants an opportunity to meet and discuss critical issues for the family carers they work with. This year’s event included multiple departmental officials, representatives from carer organisations and family carers themselves, who all provided input on topics such as supports for young carers, carer well-being, housing supports for people with disabilities, and transitioning to life after caring. We hope that the various government departments will take on board the excellent feedback provided on the day, particularly as we come to the third anniversary of the publication of the National Carers’ Strategy later this year.
And More Previous Board Members!
Have you heard about Carers Week 2015?

No, when is it on?

National Carers Week Reach Out to a Family Carer in your Area

Hooray - it's time to celebrate Family Carers!

June 8th - 14th

The forecast is bright for National Carers Week June 8th - 14th
Collaborative Conferences
Other Supporters!
Carers Week Partners in 2015
Annual Reports

Summary Annual Report - 2014

2014 was another successful year for Care Alliance Ireland. Key events in 2014 were the launch of a peer-reviewed and well-received literature review on the relationship between Family Carers and paid home care workers, a very successful eighth National Carers Week in June, and a successful funding bid to the Scheme to Support National Organisations in the Community & Voluntary Sector.

Implementation of the 2012 National Carers’ Strategy by government agencies remains disappointing. We worked intensively as part of a monitoring group led by the Carers Association, and had fruitful meetings with various government departments. The second annual report on the strategy, published in early 2015, demonstrated some progress.

Communication

We continue to assist researchers, students, the media and the general public with queries in relation to Family Carers, both by email and telephone. All 95 member organisations and over 450 other organisations and individuals involved in supporting Family Carers received regular communications from us, on issues relating to support, practice, policy and research. We use email in a measured and focussed way to ensure that communication is relevant to members and stakeholders. We review sectoral publications and, in particular, care-related research, and disseminate information in a targeted way.
AGMs
Strategic Plans x 2

Care Alliance Ireland
The National Network of Voluntary Organisations for Family Carers

Strategic Plan 2010-2012

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

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

Strategic Objectives – 2010-2012

Information Provision and Knowledge Exchange Objectives

- To disseminate up-to-date and relevant information, in a timely and accessible manner, to Care Alliance Ireland stakeholders.
- To develop the capacity to participate in international fora.
- To identify and disseminate best practice in Family Carer support using a range of methods.

Strategic Plan
2014-2017

‘Guiding support for family carers’

‘Guiding support for family carers’
National Carers Strategy Launch
Most Popular Downloads from Website (2014)

i) Family Caring in Ireland Report
ii) Newsletters
iii) Directory of Services for Carers
iv) List of Family Carer Training
v) List of National Carer Support services
iv) Booklets Life After Care Booklet –
v) Research Reports - 2011 TCD Research Report on Former Carers
   2010 Parkinsons Research Report
vi) Practice/Resource Documents - Selected Caregiver Assessment Measures: A Resource Inventory for Practitioners
vii) Policy Documents - Social Policy Document on Family Carers
    National Carers Strategy
viii) Submissions - Department of Health Submission on Disability Policy
Family Carers Visiting the President
Family Carer Research Meetings
Consultations with Family Carers/Former Family Carers