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1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)	

Reference	6094								
Name of Organisation	Carers in Hertfordshire								
Organisation Type	Registered Charity								
Ward	All of Hitchin								
Project Type	Support for unpaid carers								
Green option									
considered?									
NHC Councillor	None that we are aware of.								
involvement that may									
constitute a conflict of									
interest									
Previous financial	None								
support within six years									
Documentation	Safeguarding		Yes	Accounts		Yes			
reviewed and	Demonstrates clear		Yes						
approved*	governance								
Total applied for	£1,393 To		tal project cost		£2,705				
	Officer Summary								

Carers in Hertfordshire are a countywide charity for unpaid carers looking after a friend, neighbour or relative due to illness, frailty, mental health need, disability, or substance misuse. They support all carers, including very young children, either living, caring, or working in Hertfordshire to find support, advice, build connections and provide a platform to have their voice listened to.

They are applying for funding towards setting up and running a carer support hub, based in Hitchin, which is free to unpaid carers. They currently have 1,900 unpaid registered carers who live in Hitchin, and they have highlighted that they would like a hub in Hitchin. They currently run a hub in Letchworth, Royston and Stevenage.

The hub would run once a month for 1.5 - 2 hours and they are seeking a contribution to set it up and towards the cost of running the hub for 12 months. They have predicted this based on costs for their hubs across the county. The hub location will be confirmed should they secure funding and welcome any venue suggestions.

At the hub, they would provide refreshments, wellbeing and advice activities, and a place for carers to express the ups and downs of caring.

They have built connections with local businesses, organisations and charities to provide free or reduced cost activities which they will continue to do for the Hitchin Hub, based on the wants and needs of the attendees. In addition to this, their Carer Support Advisors attend three times a year to provide additional 1:1 support for attendees, identifying those who may need further support and thus avoiding a potential crisis in their caring role.

Breakdown of costs:

- Staff support (volunteer manager, volunteer coordinator, hub coordinator, hub admin) £2170
- Hire and refreshments £419
- Activity costs, volunteer phone, advertising £116

^{*}Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation

They are contributing £1,000 through fundraising and have applied for £312 to The Big Give.

They have also applied to:

- Royston Community Forum for £1,393 towards costs of running their hub in Royston for 12 months.
- Letchworth Community Forum for £1,393 towards costs of running their hub in Letchworth for 12 months.

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