Role Title: Salford Carers' Voices - Hospital Discharge Dialogue Video

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Purpose: We are looking for a group of Salford Carers* to form a Task & Finish Group to coproduce a short film. This film will explore carers' lived experiences & insights into how hospital staff can best identify & involve carers during a loved one's (admission &) discharge; as well as the impact of this.

In England, "Just 14% of unpaid carers say they were asked about their ability to provide care at hospital discharge – even though carers have a legal right to be involved in this process under the Health & Care Act 2022." – Carers UK, 2025

The short film will be a helpful resource for hospital staff, highlighting the importance of unpaid carers' expertise in care plans, issues they may face on discharge & what support they need; to prevent both the patient being readmitted to hospital & reduce carer burnout & crisis.

It's an exciting opportunity to make something creative, which amplifies carers' voices & positively influences hospital practices. The project is part of the <u>Accelerating Reform Fund</u>; an ambitious, national initiative to support innovation & positive change in adult social care, funded by DHSC.

Hours: Est 8-10 hrs (Oct 2025 - Jan 2026), TBC based on carers' availability & project needs. **Remuneration:** Rate of £15 an hour for meetings (project planning), recording carers' testimonies etc. **Location:** Face-to-face / online, as agreed by the Task & Finish Group.

Tasks:

- Participate in meetings & collectively plan the project.
- Collaboratively design the structure & flow of the short film, ensuring it effectively features carers' experiences, hospitals' statutory duty to involve carers in the discharge process & the impact of this.
- Help identify & support a diverse group of Salford carers to capture their stories on smartphones.
- Review filmed content & provide feedback on edits to ensure the film is representative & impactful.

Skills, Experience, Qualities needed:

- No prior filming or editing experience is necessary(!), just creative thinking / organisational skills.
- Living / lived experience of being an unpaid carer in Salford.
- Passion to shape positive change in hospitals, to support carers' rights & needs.
- Reliable, punctual and able to actively listen to people, communicate respectfully and empathetically.
- · Willingness to learn about confidentiality & informed consent.

We'd like both the Task & Finish Group and carers' filmed testimonies to reflect the demographics and experiences of carers in Salford. We're particularly keen to hear from carers whose voices are not always heard or represented. Everyone is welcome, your voice is important!

Benefits:

- Meet new people, connect with other carers, feel part of a community & maybe make some friends!
- Make a positive difference by helping to shape services to meet Salford carers' needs.
- Take part in something fun, enjoyable & creative.
- Develop your skillset & gain experiences that you could add to your CV.

Training, Support:

The Task & Finish Group will be supported by Jemma Houghton, Carers Involvement Worker.

Our Vision: Equitable health, wealth & self for every individual & community we walk alongside. Our Values: Being Heard, Collaborative Curiosity, Purposeful Work, Meaningful Connection, Thoughtful Safe Services. https://www.gaddum.org.uk/about/

Interested in applying? Please complete the Expression of Interest Form by 21/10/2025. https://forms.office.com/e/7A4jwuSsJC

Any questions please contact jemma.houghton@gaddum.org.uk | 0161 834 6069 (ext 4009). We look forward to hearing from you!

*Do you look after someone? A carer is anyone, of any age (adult or child) who looks after (unwaged) a family member (adult or child), partner, friend, or neighbour, who due to any illness, disability, frailty, a mental health condition, substance use, or addiction, needs their help / cannot cope without their support – Definition coproduced by Salford Carers.