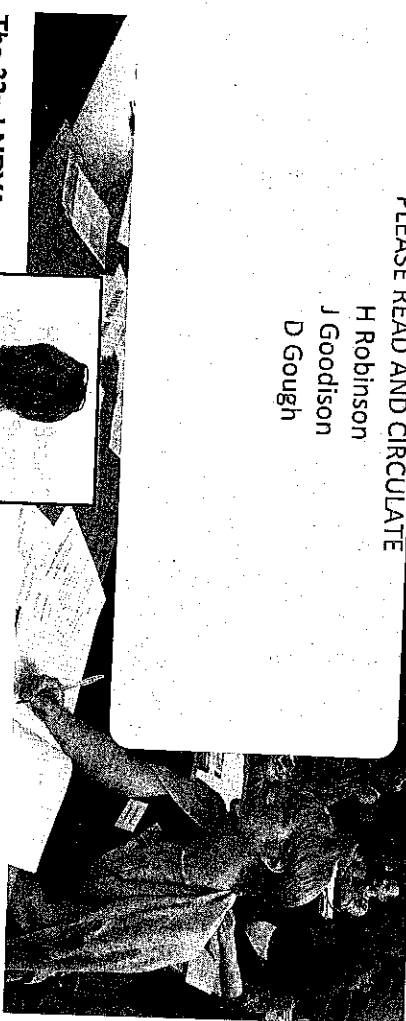


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Report from the NDVA AGM and Health & Social Care Forum - 9th October 2013

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The 22nd NDVA AGM began with Heather Fawbert, Chair of NDVA presenting the NDVA Accounts and Annual Report.



Heather Fawbert

NDVA would like to welcome Rona Rawson (Federation of Mental Health) and Julie Dixon (Chesterfield Timebank) to the Board and thank Jackie King-Owen (Enable Housing) for her many years of valued service. Jackie resigned from the Board in August due to work commitments.

Heather said "It has been gratifying to hear feedback from members and stakeholders throughout the year saying how valued NDVA's services are and to have confirmation that the Health and Social Care Voluntary Sector across Derbyshire appreciates having a specialist infrastructure organisation to inform, support and represent them".

She also expressed thanks to the NDVA team for their hard work and on-going commitment to improve communication and integration between the Voluntary Sector and Health and Social Care professionals.

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60+ Carers Wellbeing Project



Are you a carer over 60, care for over 35 hours and live within Derbyshire?

If so you may be entitled to a grant of up to £200. This can be used in any way to make your life a little easier including: a short break, computer, hair appointments or a few hours break.

If you would like to apply call Kelly Gibbons on 01246 222373 or email kelly.gibbons@derbyshirecarers.co.uk

New Telephone Support Service for Carers

Derbyshire Carers Association has a new evening telephone support service for all Carers in Derbyshire on Wednesdays from 4-7pm.

The telephone number for this service is **01773 743355**.

It will be available every Wednesday until Christmas however, if there proves to be a demand it will continue. So - please tell any carers you know about this new telephone support service.

Helen's Trust

Giving people with terminal illness the choice to stay at home

Helen's Trust launches self referrals

Patients can now contact Helen's Trust directly to access the full range of services on offer. In the past the charity has only accepted referrals via a health care professional.

Chief Executive Heidi Megaughin said, "We want people to contact us directly for help. We pride ourselves on being responsive, flexible and creative in the ways we help people with terminal illness. Each case is unique and often complex. Our skilled referrals coordinators have a clinical

background and the package of care we can provide for one individual can often be diverse."

Referrals have increased since the self referral system was introduced in July.

The charity is seeing an ever increasing need and people are often surprised by the range of services provided.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from Helen's Trust services please contact the Referrals Coordinators on: **07780 331715**.