## **Carer Money Matters Project**

We are officially launching our new Carer Money Matters Project, funded by Cadent Gas Network and the Carers Trust and delivered in partnership with Derbyshire County Council.

Providing free support for carers, we can offer free advice on energy saving and energy debt, and we can help carers get extra support from energy supplier with things like meter readings, advance warnings of supply interruptions and how to save on cooking and heating. There is also priority support if the energy supply is interrupted. We can also provide information on Locking Cooker Valves and Carbon Monoxide Awareness.

We can also provide help with benefits through our partnership with Derbyshire Welfare Rights Service and are offering free in-person and by-phone benefits advice clinics for carers living in Derbyshire County Council areas as well as an on-line Financial Benefits Workshop as part of our Caring with Confidence Workshop Series.

To find out more about the project and how we can help carers please visit our website at Money Matters Project.

Carer Money Matters promotional materials and literature have been uploaded to our Professionals Portal which you can access

here: <a href="https://derbyshirecarers.co.uk/login">https://derbyshirecarers.co.uk/login</a>. This link will take you to a login/registration page where you can create an account, you can then access all our professional resources for all projects.

We are very happy to discuss how we can work with community groups and services across Derbyshire to provide support for carers. If you would like to discuss this in more detail please contact Emma Weatherdon, Service Development Officer – Carer Money Matters, on <a href="mailto:emma.weatherdon@derbyshirecountycouncil.gov.uk">emma.weatherdon@derbyshirecountycouncil.gov.uk</a> for more details.

Carer Money Matters is a partnership between Cadent, the gas distribution network and the national charity, Carers Trust, working with Derbyshire Carers Association to deliver the project to support Carers in Derbyshire. The funding has been provided as part of the Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA) to support customers with fuel poverty and energy affordability and to help them maintain a safe and warm home.

Taking care of others means taking care of yourself. So, please get the help you need to help the people you care for.

## Karl Stirland

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