 Northern  
Ireland  
Hospice

## CARERS' SERVICE

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- Def:
- Carers provide unpaid care by looking after an ill, frail or disabled family member, friend or partner.
- ( Carers UK)

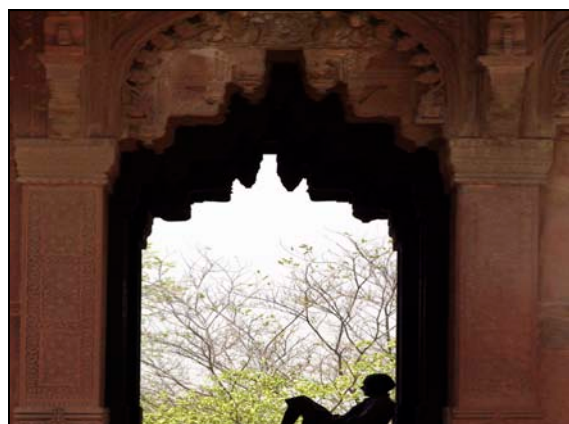

### 185,000 Carers in Northern Ireland (2001 Census)

- There are almost 6 million carers in UK
- Over 1/3 (38%) are juggling caring with full time work and 14% part time work.
- 10% consider themselves in poor health due to caring.
- 1/4 (25%) care for more than 50 hours per week

### Carers Allowance

- £50.55 per week based on at least a 35 hour week.
- = £1.34 per hour
- Minimum wage is £5.73 per hour for over 22 year olds.
- = 30% of the minimum wage rate.

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