

Title: Carer Policy (2009)					
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AIMS:-

1. To keep a register of patients who are (unpaid) carers for a family member.
2. To enable audit of referrals to social services.

Carers who are registered patients of the practice are identified by the following means and the **Read Code 918A** is added to their computer record. Those cared for have **Read Code 918F**.

CONSENT IS NEEDED FROM THE CARER AND THE CARED-FOR TO RECORD THIS INFORMATION AND FROM THE CARED-FOR TO ALLOW DISCUSSION ABOUT THEIR MEDICAL PROBLEM BETWEEN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND THE CARER.

1. People have the opportunity to identify themselves as carers on the New Patient Questionnaire they complete at registration.
2. The Health Visitors for the elderly pass on information regarding carers they have identified who are registered with the Practice.
3. District Nurses identify carers for the disabled and chronically sick.
4. The Annual Review of patients with Serious and Enduring Mental Illness identifies carers.
5. Carers are identified opportunistically during consultations, particularly the parents of disabled children.
6. Staff from the Substance Misuse Team working in the Practice can identify family carers for their clients.
7. Written publicity within the practice invites carers to identify themselves and to access support services.

It is recognised that carers play an important role in providing and co-ordinating care for dependant people. They should be actively involved in discussions of treatment and expected outcomes with the dependant person's consent. The personal impact of being a carer and the need for support is also recognised.

Carers and the cared-for are referred to social services when appropriate and if it is acceptable to them. This allows a Statutory Assessment of Need to take place and services offered as per the National Strategy for Carers.

Local support services are publicised within the practice.

Useful Contact Numbers:-

Young Disabled (over 18, under 65 years of age)	01952 381 220
Elderly	01952 381 280
Disabled Children (under 18 years of age)	01952 385 385
Children	01952 385 902
Children & Families	01952 385 838
Blind Partially Sighted & Hearing Impaired	01952 381 220
Carers Contact Centre	01952 240 209
Adults with Learning Disabilities	01952 381 420



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CARER / CARED-FOR CONSENT FORM

If you are a carer (unpaid) for a friend or family member and would like this to be recorded in our records, please add your details below as well as the details of the person you care for, if they are registered here. We can only add the information to the records of people registered with this practice.

Carer Details:

Your Name:	Your Date of Birth:
Your Address:	
	Your Telephone Number:
	Your Mobile Number:
Email Address:	

The Person You Care For:

Their Name:	Their Date of Birth:
Their Address:	
	Their Telephone Number:
	Their Mobile Number:
Relationship:	

Your Consent To Be Identified As A Carer:

I consent to being identified as a carer for the above named person in my medical records.

Signature:	Date:
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Consent From The Person Cared For:

I agreed that the person named above is my carer and I consent to this information being recorded in my medical records. I also consent to my medical information being shared with the person named above when necessary.

Yes / No (please delete as appropriate).

Signature:	Date:
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