

CARERS

Do you look after someone who is elderly, disabled, mentally ill, or someone whose welfare may be at risk if you become ill? If so, you are a carer.

We are interested in identifying carers, especially those people who may be caring without help or support. We know that carers are often “hidden” looking after a family member or helping a friend or neighbour with day to day tasks and may not see themselves as a carer.

The term carer would not normally apply if the person is:

- An employed /self-employed carer
- A volunteer from a voluntary agency
- Anyone providing personal assistance for payment either in cash or kind

We feel that caring for someone is an important and valuable role in the community, which is often a 24 hour job that can be very demanding and isolating for the carer.

As a carer, you are also entitled to have your needs assessed by Adult Care Services. A carer’s assessment is a chance to talk about your needs as a carer and the possible ways help could be given. It also looks at the needs of the person you care for. This could be done separately, or together, depending on the situation. There is no charge for an assessment. Please refer to the enclosed leaflet, visit the web site <https://devoncarers.org.uk>, call 03456 434 435, or email info@devoncarers.org.uk for more information.

If you are a carer please complete the attached questionnaire sheet and return it to the surgery.

We look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

Northam Surgery

Carers Identification Questionnaire

Your Details:

Name	
Date Of Birth	
Address	
Telephone number	
Email address	
Any relevant information	

Details of the person you look after:

Name	
Date Of Birth	
Address (if different from above)	
Telephone number (if different from above)	
Email address	
GP Details (if not registered at this practice)	
What relation is the person you care for?	
Primary condition of the person you care for (we may request evidence of this).	
Does the patient receive carers allowance?	

Are you a volunteer for a voluntary carers agency? (please circle)

Yes No

Are you a paid/employed/self-employed carer (excluding carers allowance)?

Yes No (If yes, please circle)

Do you consent to a referral to Devon Carers?

Yes No