

## Useful Links

Guide provide a free and confidential health, social care and disability information service for both the public and professionals.

Every scheme provides practical support where and when it is most needed - usually in the home. A trained Carer Support Worker will take over from the carer to give them 'time to be themselves'

The Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust is responsible for delivering an increasing range of health services, including Accident & Emergency and Patient Transport Services, to over two million people across Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust delivers acute health services to the communities in Gloucestershire and surrounding counties. Services are provided from Cheltenham General, Delancey and Gloucestershire Royal hospitals, and increasingly we provide services from community hospitals across Gloucestershire and beyond.

Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust delivers mental health services to the communities in Gloucestershire.

The Local Authority provides a range of services to Carers, both directly and indirectly, through other voluntary and commercial organisations. They support Carers Gloucestershire through both the Community & Adult Care budget and the Carers Grant.

The PCT is made up of 83 GP Practices and 11 community hospitals. It also provides a range of community services such as podiatry, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, district nursing and health visiting. The main role of the PCT is to:

engage with the local population to improve health and well being  
commission a comprehensive and equitable range of high quality, responsive and efficient services and;  
directly provide services where this gives best value.

Gloucestershire Young Carers aim to create a network of support for young Carers across the county, working with them to ensure that service providers understand their needs and respond appropriately.

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers is the largest provider of comprehensive carers support services in the UK. Through its unique network of 133 independently managed Carers' Centres , 83 young carers services and interactive websites, Carers.org and YC Net, The Trust currently provides quality information, advice and support services to almost 310,000 carers, including over 15,500 young Carers.

Gloucestershire LINK wants to know what YOU think about your local health and social care services.

SPECAL ('Specialized Early Care for Alzheimer's') is a charitable organisation with an innovative approach to the care of people with dementia, offering a different and successful way of managing the disease for both the person with dementia and their family.

Building Circles is a voluntary organisation offering people with severe learning disabilities the chance to escape from their isolation and live more fulfilling lives. With the help of volunteers, they develop circles of supportive people around them.

In the Cotswolds District, a trained Carer Support Worker will provide the practical support a carer needs to have a regular break, by taking over the caring routine at home for a few hours each week.

Information, advice and support for Carers from Carers Direct on NHS Choices.

A FREE programme for Carers. If you are looking after a friend or relative, Caring with Confidence can help and support you to make a positive difference to your life and that of the person you care for.

Forum Campaigning for Carers by Carers.