



Covid-19: how can we use this opportunity to value carers?

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Carers Network: who are we

Supporting adult carers looking after adults in the London boroughs of Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham, and Kensington & Chelsea

Carers Hubs provide:

- Information and Advice
- Carers' Forums
- Carers Assessments
- Peer support groups
- Training and workshops

- Outings and social events
- End of Life Carers Project
- Former Carers Project



On the news.....

<u>Unpaid carers were isolated even before lockdown – now we're invisible</u>

Coronavirus: 4.5m people in UK forced to become unpaid carers

'Invisible' unpaid carers going hungry in lockdown

The Queen and The Princess Royal speak to carers in video call to mark Carers Week



A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid,

- for a friend or family member who due to
- illness, disability, mental health problem or addiction
- cannot cope without their support



A carer's job description





The impact of caring





Meet



Carer's stories: https://youtu.be/lRAbCOwoVnM



Making caring & carers visible Making support services inclusive



Further information and support

Carers Network www.carers-network.org.uk

Find a carers centre near you www.carers.org/help-and-info/carer-services-near-you

Care Act 2014 www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted

Carers UK State of Care Survey 2019 www.carersuk.org/images/News campaigns/CUK State of Caring 2019 Report.pdf

Commissioning for Carers Principles <u>www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2014/12/comm-carers-</u> <u>princ-091214.pdf</u>



Any Questions?



Thank You

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