



# 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 Assessments
- Peer support groups
- Training and workshops

- Carers' Forums
- 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



**SOCIAL** 



**FINANCIAL** 



PHYSICAL HEALTH



PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH



WELLBEING



EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT



## Meet



Carer's stories: <a href="https://youtu.be/IRAbCOwoVnM">https://youtu.be/IRAbCOwoVnM</a>



## Identifying & supporting carers matter

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**

www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2014/12/comm-carers-princ-091214.pdf



## Any Questions?



## Thank You