

Are you missing out on everything you're entitled to as a carer?

Dear ***Mrs Blank***,

Hometown Medical Centre keeps a register of patients who look after someone who can't get by on their own because of old age, frailty, illness, disability, mental ill health, alcohol problems or substance misuse. People who care for someone in these circumstances, without pay, are considered to be 'carers'.

According to our records, we think you may be such a carer. As your GP practice, we're keen to make sure that you're aware of the benefits and services available to people who carry out this important role, and we want to ask if you're currently in registered with the ***Hometown Carers Centre***?

If you haven't already registered with them, we can ask them to send you a **Carers' Information Pack** with details of benefits and services that could make life easier both for you and the person you look after.

As many carers are unaware of what they're entitled to in the way of help and support, we strongly recommend that you complete the form overleaf and return it to our practice as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Name)

(Job Title)

PS. If you are no longer a carer, please can you complete the form and tick the box as indicated and we will remove your name from our register of carers? Thank you.

Please turn over and complete the short form overleaf.



REFERRAL TO HOMETOWN CARERS CENTRE

Please complete this form and return it to us in the pre-paid envelope provided and we will refer you to **Hometown Carers Centre** for a Carers Information Pack. However, if you are no longer a carer, please use this form to let us know and we will remove your name from our register of carers.

Title	
First name(s)	
Last name	
Date of birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
<p>We work closely with <u>Hometown Carers Centre</u>, who can offer you free, confidential advice and support. If you would like us to refer you to them for an information pack, please tick here <input type="radio"/> and sign below:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>	

ARE YOU NO LONGER A CARER?

If you are no longer a carer, please tick this box and we will remove your name from our register of carers.