

If you rely on the help of a partner, relative, friend or neighbour, the letter attached may be of interest to them. It asks them to complete a short Carer Referral Form and return it to the Practice so that we can make a note on their medical records that they are your carer. With their permission, we can also refer them Hometown Carers Service who can check that they're not missing out on any of the benefits and services they're entitled to.

Many thanks,

Hometown Medical Practice

PS. If the person who looks after you is not one of our patients, we recommend that they let their own GP practice know that they are your carer instead.

To the person who looks after Mrs A Person

We understand that you're currently providing unpaid care and support to one of our patients who would find it difficult to get by on their own.

We know that caring for someone can be very rewarding, and it's also a time when it's really important to look after your own health and well-being. For this reason, we'd like to make a note on your medical records that you're a carer so that we're aware of your caring role when we see you.

It's also been our experience that many carers miss out on benefits and services that could make life easier for them –often because they don't see themselves as a carer or are aware they could be entitled to support. To check that you're getting everything you're entitled to, we'd like to refer you to Hometown Carers Centre who you can talk to in confidence and have the expertise to advise you on all your entitlements.

We look forward to receiving the completed form overleaf as soon as is convenient for you.

Yours sincerely,

Hometown Medical Centre

PS. If you're registered at a different GP practice than ours, we'd suggest you give it to your own practice instead.

CARER REGISTRATION AND REFERRAL FORM

Please complete this form and return it to **Hometown Medical Practice**. We will then make a note on your medical records that you are a carer.

Title	
First name(s)	
Last name	
Date of birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
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="checkbox"/> and sign below: Signature: Date:	

IMPORTANT. If you are registered at a different practice than ours, please complete the form above and give it to your own GP practice instead, asking to be referred to your nearest carers service