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Sheffield Council Carer Survey 2021

Survey Link >>>

### Invitation to take part in the 2021 Sheffield City Council Carer Survey

The Council want to hear from carers about the services they would like in the future. The new services for carers start in January 2022 and the information given to the Council now will help inform how those services are developed. **We encourage all carers to take part by using this link for more detail and to access the survey which closes on Tuesday 27 April.**

### We're looking to start a new Support Group for LGBTQ carers

One of our carers has asked us about starting a new Support Group for carers from the LGBTQ community. The idea would be to arrange regular online meetings similar to those held for other groups as outlined on the 'groups page' of our website (click the 'more details' link). If you are interested in joining an LGBTQ Carers Group please email [jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk](mailto:jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk)



New LGBTQ Support Group

More details >>>

### Updated guidance from Council for two people to visit care homes

Guidance explaining how care homes can allow two visitors from 12 April is now available. Babies and toddlers will also be allowed to accompany visitors. Use the link to visit the Sheffield City Council's website page which outlines what can be agreed with homes, along with the steps to arrange visits whilst reducing the risk of infection to people that are being visited.



More details >>>

### Free video Guides



More details >>>

### Free videos provide practical help and guidance for carers

This Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has a series of videos designed to help people look after someone safely at home. This resource aims to help carers in any situation, by providing practical and relevant information for a wide range of situations that people may encounter when performing their caring role. Use the link to take a look at the free videos available.



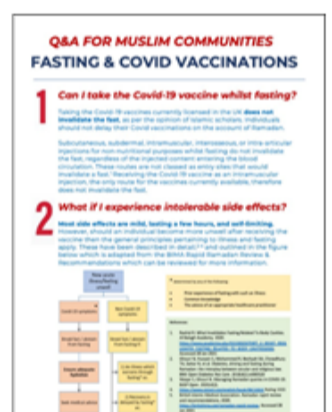
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### The 'vaccinations for carers' page on our website is regularly updated

The situation is developing as the vaccination roll-out continues to work through the priority groups, so please check this page and our social media posts regularly for the latest information. It explains the various ways that unpaid carers are being identified as eligible for vaccination, plus what carers should do if they are not already known to health and care services.

### Q&A for Muslim communities about fasting and vaccinations

The Muslim Council for Britain has a page on their website called the '#SafeRamadan 2021 Guidance' that has a range of important and useful information on the subject. Use the link below the image on the right to visit the page on the MCB website with guidelines, advice and other resources to help Muslims in Britain have a safe Ramadan.



More details >>>

### 'Community Connect' volunteers keep in touch with over 100 carers

Our 'Community Connect' service was launched in 2019 to help reduce social isolation by giving carers the chance to speak to one of our small team of volunteers on a regular basis. Use the link for more details of how that team has grown to 26 volunteers over the past year and helped to develop the service which is now connecting with over 100 carers in Sheffield.



More details >>>



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### New 'noticeboard' on our website helps signpost support for carers

We've added a new 'digital' noticeboard to our website, which provides an opportunity for other organisations and individuals that help and support unpaid carers in Sheffield to publicise their activities, events, advice, guidance or general information. We hope you like the new page and welcome any feedback or ideas for content to add to the noticeboard.

### Online Events



Links in text >>>

### Our online Carers Cafe and Carer Support Groups continue to grow

Our Carers Cafe has been meeting online for a year and we recently made them weekly (rather than fortnightly) events. [Times and dates for the Cafe in April and May can be seen here.](#) We're also delighted our online Support Groups, that became virtual rather than face-to-face events are proving to be very popular. [Times and dates for Support Groups can be seen here.](#)

### Normal service as we launch a new logo and move to new offices

Carers Trust launched a new brand last year, so we have a new logo that coincides with moving to a new office. We're still at Young Street, but in Dearing House which is next door to our previous premises. All our phone lines and emails remain the same and the full address details are at the end of all our web pages. We continue to follow Government guidance by working from home.

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