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**Visit our new Covid webpage**



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**New page has 'easy to find' links to trusted sources of information**

As the situation around the pandemic continues to develop we've updated our Covid page. The page is now divided into sections covering (1) vaccination & booster jabs (2) testing (3) free PPE for carers (4) flu jabs (5) general advice from local organisations. Each section has links to other websites making it easier for carers to find information to help everyone stay safe.

**Launch of 'Just Can't Wait Card' in print and digital formats**

Two 'Bladder & Bowel' organisations have now launched a physical and digital version of the 'Just Can't Wait Card'. This is supported by many retail and service organisations, with the aim of providing access to toilets not normally available to the general public. Use the link for more details and to order a printed plastic card or to add the digital version to your phone.



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**We want your feedback on the Covid vaccination programme in Sheffield**

There are many sources of information about Covid which can be overwhelming. We're working with NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group to identify which sources are being used by carers. There are 4 questions in this quick survey, and the results will help us evaluate the aspects of the programme that have worked well and those that could be improved.



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**Call for carers to help with research by a former SCC Carer Advisor**

One of our former Advisors is now studying at university and looking for carers to take part in her research project. This is about how couples support each other when they are caring for a young adult child (16-25) who is experiencing mental health difficulties. Use the link for details of what is involved with the research project and how 'your experience matters'.



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**This website has useful links on the options for 'urgent care' in Sheffield**

There are times you may need urgent medical advice or treatment but don't need to go to the hospital's A&E department. Using other services can often help you get the advice or treatment you need quicker. This NHS website has useful information on the options available for different situations when urgent care is needed. Use the link to have a look and bookmark the website.

**Consultation on the Council's Adult Social Care Strategy 2021 to 2030**

Sheffield City Council are pleased to share the final draft of the Adult Social Care Strategy called 'Living the life you want to live 2021-2030'. Use the link to read about the strategy and the draft plan which describes some of the actions needed to make it a success. Carers are invited to take part in the survey and provide feedback before the mid-February deadline.



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**Details of our Carer Support Group events for Jan-March now available**

Our Carers Café and Carer Support Groups give carers the chance to meet other carers, share some experiences and have a break from caring. Click on the image to visit our website for details of all meetings planned for January to March, including the launch of a new group meeting in Crosspool. Or [click here](#) for details of the Carers Café that meets online at 10am every Friday.



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**Our Presentation and Annual Report from the AGM is now online**

Our thanks to everyone that attended the Annual General Meeting last December. A copy of the presentation we used to review 2020-21 and outline some of our plans for 2022 is available to view on our website – along with a copy of the printed Annual Report for last year. The event ended with a viewing of our short video about [Caring for someone with Dementia](#).



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**Guide explains Northern Powergrid Priority Services Membership**

Northern Powergrid is working with community groups to help support more vulnerable people. It has produced a useful guide on 'what to do in a power cut'. Click the image to view or download a copy, which has some handy energy efficiency tips, some useful numbers and details of their 'Priority Services Membership' for people that may need extra help during a power cut.

**We're thrilled to retain our ISO-9001 Quality Management award**

Sheffield Carers Centre are thrilled to announce we have successfully retained the ISO 9001 Certification that was awarded last year. This internationally recognised standard provides evidence an organisation has a robust quality management system in place. It is designed to help improve operations, deliver a quality service and demonstrate strong governance.



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