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10-16 June 2024

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

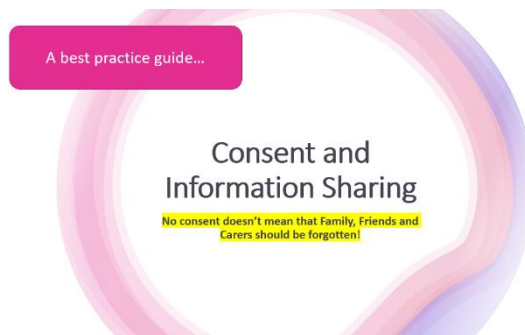


The theme this year is **'Putting Carers on the Map'** which is all about highlighting the invaluable contributions of carers across the UK and **ensuring their voices are heard loud and clear.**

This is definitely something that we are very passionate about as a network and have been working hard to achieve across West Yorkshire. Please remember, we are here to support you along the way!

Many of you will have met Julianne and already be aware of the pilot Carer Engagement Role across West Yorkshire and the fantastic work going on...

We are very excited to announce the launch of our Family, Friends & Carers Training for Forensic Staff- just in time for Carers Week!



The training will cover 10 key area's of focus which have been highlighted through the 12-month pilot.

We aim to learn at scale, sharing knowledge and expertise across West Yorkshire services, with multiple learning options, including face to face networking opportunities, virtual and train the trainer.

The training will be rolled out across West Yorkshire, initially being offered to key carer leads and champions. Julianne will be in touch with you very shortly to offer dates to attend.

What else are we up to?

The Family, Friends and Carer standards for 2024 will be revised and refreshed in collaboration with Carers.

We hope to incorporate the current variety of standards and guidance for involving carers in secure hospitals, into one go-to set of standards.

SeQuIn Tool

The **Se**ecure **Qu**ality **In**volvement Tool



Our first workshop will be held in person, on Saturday 8th June, 10am to 12pm at Carers Wakefield & District (25 King Street, Wakefield, England, WF1 2SR)

This will be followed by a virtual workshop during Carers Week, on the evening of Monday 10th June, 4pm-6pm via MS Teams.

Letters have already been sent to carer leads in WY services to be cascaded to all known carers. If service users or staff in West Yorkshire know of any family, friends or carers who may wish to attend, please pass on the message and let us know so we can provide more information and the link for those wishing to attend virtually.

What about our staff carers?

Did you know that new rights for unpaid carers in the UK came into force from 6 April 2024?



Millions of people in the UK juggle their unpaid caring responsibilities with paid employment. Balancing work and care can be a real struggle – with many carers saying they are tired, stressed and struggling to manage their own physical and mental health.

After many years of campaigning, the **Carer's Leave Act** was successfully passed by parliament.



This means that all carers in employment now have a statutory right to take **five days of unpaid leave from work each year to fulfil their caring responsibilities.**

More information can be found on the Carers UK Website- <https://www.carersuk.org/news-and-campaigns/our-campaigns/right-to-carers-leave/>



We'd love to know what's been happening in your service this Carer's Week- please keep us up to date with blogs and pictures!

