

What is meant by 'carer'?

SELLINDGE SURGERY

Carer - A carer is someone who looks after a relative or friend who needs support because of age, physical or learning disability or illness, including mental illness.

Do you look after a friend or relative?

ARE YOU A CARER?

Parent carers - a parent of a disabled child often see themselves as parents rather than carers, but may be entitled to additional services.

If the answer is

YES

Young carers - this means carers who are under the age of 18. The person receiving the care is often a parent, but can be a brother or sister, grandparent, or other relative who needs support. (There are estimated to be between 20,000 and 50,000 young carers in the UK).

Please take a leaflet

When completed, please send this form to your doctor at:

**The Sellindge Surgery, Main Road, Sellindge,
Ashford, Kent TN25 6JX.**

The Sellindge Surgery is setting up a register of *carers. This will help us to:

- know if you are a carer;
- know who will be collecting prescriptions for patients of the Practice;
- know who is authorised to discuss problems with a doctor;
- provide details of support groups; and
- with your agreement, arrange for a social services assessment of needs.

*for definition of carer, please see back page.

If you are a carer and would like your name to be added to our register of carers, then we need to have your agreement to do this. Could you please complete your details and those of the person you care for:

CARER:

Name:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Address:.....

Telephone No:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

PERSON BEING CARED FOR:

Name:..... Telephone:.....

Address:.....

Name of doctor:.....

Type of disability:.....
e.g. deaf, blind, physical disability, mental disability etc.

As the person being cared for we need your permission to put your name and that of your carer on the carers register. This information is confidential and covered by the Data Protection Act.

Signature:.....

If the person being cared for is unable to give a signature, or it is not appropriate, please indicate.

If both carer and the person being cared for wish to have a social services assessment of needs, please tick the box .

It is recognised that caring for a friend or relative creates different concerns and possibly problems. We would like to help you if we can by providing information and support if needed.