Carers Information Pack

Thank you for informing us that you are a carer. Please find below some information that we hope will be useful to you.

We now have several new services available at your practice. These include: Social Prescribing, Community Pharmacists, First Contact Plus Physiotherapists and Mental Health Practitioners. For more information, please contact the practice.

VASL Support for Carers Leicestershire (for carers of 18yrs	The service includes:	
 +) Tel 01858 468543 Email: <u>Maureen@supportforcarers.org</u> Website: <u>www.supportforcarers.org</u> The Carers Centre Leicestershire & Rutland (For all carers) Tel 0116 2510999 Email: <u>enquiries@thecarerscentre.org.uk</u> Website: <u>https://claspthecarerscentre.org.uk/</u> 	 A dedicated telephone advice and support line Assistance in completing a carers assessment Information on carers' support groups around the county An informative website with self-help videos Advice on any aspect of the caring role, including financial and legal assistance Carers cafes and sessions weekly 	
 Leicestershire County Council – Adult Social Care Tel 0116 3050004 Adult Social Care - Out of Hours (Emergency) Tel 0116 2551606 NHS 111 Tel: 111 	 Financial assessment for non-funded / funded care Carers Assessment Support and advice on services available Emergency Respite service Available 24hrs per day, 7 days a week Medical advice for both physical or mental health	
Benefits Advice & Information		
Attendance Allowance UnitCarers Allowance UnitTel 0800 7310122Tel 0800 7310297	Help with benefit queries and entitlement.	

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Citizens Advice Tel: 0808 278 7854 (Mon – Fri 9am – 4.30pm)	Free Benefits check / advice on eligibility and support with forms.	
AGEUK		
Tel: 0116 2882233		
First Contact Plus	To link you with many services to support: Benefits check, keeping	
Tel: 0116 3054286	safe at home, supportive technology etc	
Website: https://firstcontactplus.org.uk/		
Watersure Scheme (Check with your water company for more details)	A support scheme which helps people with their water bills. To apply you must be on certain benefits and need to use a lot of water for medical reasons. You also need to be on a water meter or waiting to have one installed.	
Entertainment Discounts "Access Scheme" operate at many theatres. "Cinema CEA Card" Website: <u>https://www.ceacard.co.uk/</u> "Carers FREE Coffee"	These schemes can enable a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them. If you hold a carers card (VASL Passport) you can have free coffee at some local coffee shops.	
Local Support Groups		
AGE UK Dementia Support Service (Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland)	Dementia support service offering information and support for those living with dementia and their carers.	
Contact Tel: 01162237363 (Mon – Fri 8.30am – 5.30pm)		
Email: dementia.support@ageukleics.org.uk		
Website: https://www.ageuk.org.uk/leics/our-services/living-with- dementia/dementia-support-service-for-leicester-and-leicestershire/		
Alzheimer's Society		

 living with dementia and the people that care for them. A local charity that actively supports people living with a diagnosis of memory loss and their carers. They host regular Dementia Cafes, Music sessions, organise trips and provide information via their newsletter and website. An opportunity to meet with a specialist dementia nurse for advice and support for families affected by dementia.
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Information, resources, support and the opportunity to speak with an Admiral Nurse. Lots of booklets/guides on various stages of dementia.
An informal and informative group that meets regularly to support
anyone affected by Parkinsons.

The New Normal Cancer Support Group

When: 3rd Weds of every month Time: 7.30pm – 9pm Venue: Kibworth Cricket Club LE8 0HG Email: thenewnormal.leicsester@gmail.com

Harborough Cancer Support Group

2nd & 4th Friday of every month 9.30am – 12.30pm Venue: The Methodist Church, Northampton Rd, Market Harborough LE16 9HE Email: info@hcsg.org.uk Tel: 07850 899059

Stroke Support Group

(Leicester Stroke Recovery Service) https://www.stroke.org.uk/finding-support/support-services/leicesterstroke-recovery-service Stroke Helpline Tel: 0303 3033 100 Email: helpline@stroke.org.uk

Different Strokes

(Stroke Support Group for working age people) Venue: The Methodist Church, Northampton Rd, Market Harborough LE16 9HE When: 1st Sat of every month Time: 11am – 1pm Contact: Katherine Fortnum Tel 07732789997 Email: marketharborough@differentstrokes.co.uk Affected by cancer? Come and join the informal, informative support group.

A FREE local group that provides positive support and aims to boost the physical and mental wellbeing of those affected by cancer. FREE parking available at the venue.

For support information and contact for local support groups in your area complete the online enquiry form.

<u>Transport</u>		
VASL Car Scheme Tel: 01858 468499 Email: transport@vasl.org.uk RVS Transport Tel: 0116 2667706 Fleur Wilcox Transport Co-ordinator Tel: 07554 229015	 For patients <u>living in rural areas</u> to get to <u>GP appts / hosptl appts</u> For patients <u>living in Mkt Harb</u> for <u>hosptl appts only</u> Charge is made per mile (guided by Leic County Council) Annual fee to register is £5 Support for patients with a Cancer Diagnosis to access hsptl appts Free Service 	
TASL – Thames Ambulance Service Ltd (Hospital Transport Service) Tel: 0345 2413012	 Free pick up/drop off from Hospital appts Strict eligibility criteria: Available for patients who cannot travel to, or from, our hospitals for non-emergency treatment because they have a medical need that prevents them from using private or public transport. 	
Communicare (Fleckney Village Residents) Steve or Judith Tel: 0116 2403218 Steve Mob: 07512 176852	Transport for medical appts / visits to care home / short local trips Donation of 50p per mile	
Help at Home		

Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland Tel 0116 2992233 Website: <u>https://www.ageuk.org.uk/leics/</u> Email: enquiries@ageukleics.org.uk	Providing services to help people to stay independent, safe and sound in their own homes. Eg. Respite, Personal Assistants, Cleaners, Gardeners, Handyman etc (Go to their website to see the range of services)
Meals on Wheels Website: https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/living- independently-at-home/meals-on-wheels	List of companies that can deliver a cooked, hot meal to you at home.
Lifeline Service Website: https://www.harborough.gov.uk/harboroughlifeline/ Contact Tel: 01858 464499 Email: lifeline@harborough.gov.uk	Harborough Lifeline offer an emergency alarm service for anyone who feels vulnerable or alone, whatever their age or needs.
Silverline Tel 0800 4708090 Website: www.thesilverline.org.uk	Freephone friendship service. Available 24/7. Offering information, advice, and support.