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# Cambridgeshire Guide to Independent Living 2024

A guide to finding local information and support for older people, people with disabilities, and their carers.

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# Welcome

Welcome to the Cambridgeshire Guide to Independent Living 2024, produced in partnership with the publisher Care Choices. This Guide introduces the information, care, and support you need to enjoy the best quality of life for as long as possible. It's packed full of information and is easy to use.

Whatever your age or ability, there are things you can do to remain independent, safe, and well. Many of these small lifestyle changes could make a big difference and have a positive impact in your everyday life. There are many people, places, and activities that can help you to carry on doing what matters to you, without having to pay for professional care.

There is a lot of excellent support available in Cambridgeshire. This Guide will assist you to think about the options available and help make choices that are right for you. Have a look through all the help that is available at your fingertips. You will find out about local activities, transport, equipment and adaptations, home support, what you can expect from the council, and much, much more.

Keep your Guide by the phone or somewhere handy,

or even better, start filling in your action plan on page 6.

## Tip

To give you some extra help, we've highlighted some handy tips throughout the Guide, so look out for them.

## Тір

You might want to use this Guide on your own, or ask a friend or family member to help you think things through:

- Browse this Guide to identify the key things that you are interested in or feel will support you.
- Explore the suggestions to find out more about the areas that matter to you.
- Use your action plan on page 6 to help you think about the things you want to put in place and who you will contact first.

The details in this Guide may change over time. If you can go online, you can find the most up-to-date information about living independently in Cambridgeshire at **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/adults** 



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# My action plan

This Guide's purpose is to help support you to live independently and continue to do the things you enjoy. Use your action plan to note down the steps you want to take, including useful resources to help you. Then, follow your plan to get the support that's right for you and your family.

## Things you would like to achieve

This could be one thing, or lots of things – try to list all the things that are important to you.

What would you like to be able to achieve? This could be making a change, doing more of what you enjoy, having more time to spend with friends and family, or giving back to your community.
 If achieved, what difference would this make to your life?

## Use the list that you have written to find some options

This could be one thing, or lots of things – try to list all the things that are important to you.

3. Write down anything you already have in place to help you, for example, family or other support networks, or other solutions that you arrange for yourself.	5. What other options have you identified from this Guide that you might want to talk through with other people and ask them to help you arrange? Where can you get help? List websites, advice
	from friends and family, or page numbers of this Guide.
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4. Write down the help and support that a friend,	
family member, or a local community group could	
give you.	
	For more support to help you live independently,
	visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/adults

# Getting out and about

## Travelling

Keeping active is more than just physical activity; it's about staying connected with people and places. It's about feeling productive or knowing that you are contributing to society. There is a range of transport and mobility services that can help you get out and about and do the things that matter to you.

## Cycling

Cambridgeshire is one of the best places in the country to cycle. It is relatively flat and has an extensive cycling network for all ages and abilities to enjoy. For more information and to see local cycling route maps, visit

## www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cycling

Cycling can be a useful means of transport as well as a fun way to exercise and socialise. There are many different types of bikes and many more opportunities for people with disabilities to cycle.

Wheels for Wellbeing has created a 'Guide to Inclusive Cycling' accessible at www. wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk/campaigning/guide

## Learning to drive

Many people with a disability drive. There are various modifications to help make your driving or travelling experience as comfortable as possible.

If you are looking to start learning to drive, the **Disability Driving Instructors**' website has an online register of specialist driving instructors. Visit **www.disabilitydrivinginstructors.com** 

## Check if a health condition affects your driving

You need to tell DVLA about some medical conditions as they can affect your driving. You can find an A-Z of these medical conditions at **www.gov.uk/health-conditions-and-driving** 

You can voluntarily surrender your licence to DVLA if:

- Your doctor tells you to stop driving for three months or more.
- Your medical condition affects your ability to drive safely and lasts for three months or more.

• You do not meet the required medical standards for safe driving because of your medical condition.

You may be able to get your driving licence back if you can meet the required medical standards of fitness.

## Having your own transport

For many people, having their own transport is an integral part of independent living. The Motability Scheme provides an affordable, worry-free way for you to lease a car or accessible vehicle.

## **Motability Scheme**

Web: www.motability.co.uk • Tel: 0300 456 4566

## Obtaining a wheelchair

Mobility shops sell a range of manual and electric wheelchairs. Alternatively, your GP or health worker can refer you to the local NHS wheelchair service to assess whether you meet the criteria for an NHS wheelchair. Current users of the NHS wheelchair service should contact AJM Healthcare Ltd for re-assessment, reviews, appointments, or general enquiries.

## AJM HealthCare

Email: cambridgeandpeterborough@ ajmhealthcare.org Web: cambridgeshireandpeterborough. wheelchair.services • Tel: 0808 169 9633

## Parking

A Blue Badge is a parking permit for people who are registered blind, severely sight impaired, have a 'hidden' disability, or severe mobility issues. Blue Badges can't be issued to relatives or carers, but you can use your badge in any car you're travelling in whether you're the driver or a passenger.

If you have a Blue Badge, you may also be eligible to apply for a Disabled Parking Bay. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Disabled parking bay').

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/bluebadges or call 0345 045 5204.

## Travelling by bus

Depending on your age and your circumstances, you might be able to get one of the following free bus passes:

- An older person's bus pass.
- A disabled person's bus pass.

Both can be used for free off-peak travel on any local bus in England, including London. In Cambridgeshire, this means free travel from Monday to Friday after 9.30am until the last bus and all day on weekends and bank holidays. Visit **www.transport. cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk** or call **01223 740149**.

#### Tip

Stagecoach produces 'Journey Assistance Cards' if you need a bit more help using the bus. The cards make it easier for you to let the driver know what extra help you need. Visit www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/ national/journey-assistance-cards

#### Travelling by train

A railcard gives you discounts on rail fares. To find out about available railcards, including a disabled person's railcard, and a senior railcard for people aged over 60, visit **www.railcard.co.uk** 

If you're travelling around by National Rail, you can plan your train journey using the information provided for disabled passengers at **www. nationalrail.co.uk/on-the-train/accessible-traintravel-and-facilities** 

To book assistance, you only need to contact one train company and it will organise assistance for your whole journey. You can book assistance by phone or online with the company directly, or centrally by calling **0800 022 3720**, texting 60083 or via textphone/minicom at **0845 605 0600**.

**Trainline** is a website and smartphone application that aims to bring together all rail, coach, and other travel services, by also providing real time travel info on the go. Trainline also offers information on accessibility on trains and how to book travel assistance. Visit **www.thetrainline. com** (search 'Booking assistance').

## **Community transport**

Provides journeys for people who have difficulty using ordinary public transport. Most community transport schemes are for people who:

- Do not have access to public transport or their own car.
- Find using public transport difficult. For example, because of a disability or age.
- Are socially or rurally isolated from accessing basic public services and facilities, such as healthcare.

For information about local schemes, contact the Community Transport team.

Email: community.transport@ cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk Web: www.transport. cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/ community-transport Tel: 01223 790149

#### Shopmobility

Shopmobility can lend you a wheelchair or scooter to help you shop or use other local facilities. There is a scheme for most of the major shopping areas in Cambridgeshire.

## **Cambridge City Centre Shopmobility**

Email: **shopmobility@cambridge.gov.uk** Web: **www.cambridge.gov.uk** (search 'Shopmobility'). Tel: **01223 461858** (Grafton Centre). Tel: **01223 457452** (Grand Arcade).

## Huntingdonshire Shopmobility

Email: **shopmobility@huntsforum.org.uk** Web: **www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk** (search 'Shopmobility'). Tel: **01480 432793** 

## Peterborough Shopmobility

Email: info@disabilitypeterborough.org Web: www.queensgate-shopping.co.uk/shopmobility Tel: 01733 313133 (Queensgate).

# Local activities and groups you can join

Enjoying your favourite activity and getting to know others in your community can improve your wellbeing, regardless of your ability. To find events and activities, groups, clubs, and organisations near you, visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Connect with your local community').

The Cambridgeshire Directory of Services provides online listings of events, groups, organisations, and clubs across the county. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory** 

You can also search for local events and groups in your area using social media sites such as Facebook or Instagram

#### Tip

To help you get started, here are some questions to help you think about the type of activities that appeal to you:

- Do you have any hobbies that you would like to do more of?
- Would you like to try something new?
- Would you like to meet people who have similar experiences and interests to yourself?
- How regularly do you want to take part in something?

## Setting up a new group

If you are interested in starting a group, the organisations below provide information and support to help set up new groups.

#### **Care Network Community Development Team**

Web: www.care-network.org.uk Tel: 01954 211919

**CCVS** – covering Cambridge, South Cambs,

and Fenland. Email: enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk Web: www.cambridgecvs.org.uk Tel: 07935 649805

## **Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations**

Email: info@huntsforum.org.uk Web: www.huntsforum.org.uk Tel: 01480 420601

## VCAEC (Voluntary Community Action East Cambs)

Email: volunteers@vcaec.org.uk Web: www.vcaec.org.uk • Tel: 01353 666166

#### **Social connections**

Age UK provides a weekly visiting service called Sharing Time which offers friendship and support to older people who are isolated and at risk of feeling lonely.

There are day centres countywide which offer further opportunities to socialise with others who may be isolated at home or to give their carer some time to themselves. Hot meals, entertainment, and access to transport can be provided.

Community Wardens, available in various parts of the county, can offer support in the form of regular visits and phone calls to check on wellbeing and carry out small tasks in the homes of older people, supporting them to remain independent.

Email infoandadvice@ageukcap.org.uk, visit www. ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough or call 0300 666 9860.

**The Silver Line** is a national, free and confidential helpline providing information, friendship, and advice to people aged 55 and over. Available all day, every day. • Web: **www.thesilverline.org.uk** Tel: **0800 470 8090** 

## Tip

If you can't go online, local library staff can help. You can pop into your local library to use a computer, and library staff will be able to help you. Libraries also offer free WiFi that you can access using your own device.



## **Cambridgeshire Libraries**



Cambridgeshire Libraries are open to everyone. It's free to join. Libraries provide information about public

services and local support. They are a carer-friendly organisation and can signpost people in need to appropriate assistance.

Libraries provide many resources, including large print and audiobooks for people with visual impairments, and dementia resources. With your library membership, you can access a wide range of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, and online references.

Some libraries offer one-on-one sessions with the Digital Buddy teaching people basic computer skills. You can also borrow a laptop or a tablet from the library and use it at home.

## **Community Navigators**

A gateway to information and services in your local area, Care Network's local experts work alongside you, providing information and guidance to help you consider your options and live well. Whether you're looking for some help at home, access to shopping, transport, or information on social groups or local activities you'd like to try, Community Navigators know what is available in your area.

They work with all adults over 18 in Cambridgeshire, in lots of different circumstances – sharing free and independent information about your options.

Community Navigators work closely with health and social care professionals and other local organisations to help you find a clear path to information and support when you need it. This includes the Care Network Help at Home and Wellbeing services. To find out what's available in your community, contact your local team.

## Cambridge City

Email: city.navigators@care-network.org.uk Tel: 01223 300460 Libraries have events and activities – most are free or with very low costs. If you have difficulty visiting a library, use the Mobile Library Service near you or apply for the Library at Home Service. Contact Cambridgeshire Libraries to find out more.

Email: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Web: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Tel: 0345 045 5225



#### **East Cambridgeshire**

Email: eastcambs.navigators@care-network.org.uk Tel: 01353 659639

#### Fenland

Email: fens.navigators@care-network.org.uk Tel: 01354 695208

#### Huntingdonshire

Email: hunts.navigators@care-network.org.uk Tel: 01480 775493

#### South Cambridgeshire

Email: southcambs.navigators@care-network.org.uk Tel: 01954 212100



# Learning, employment, and volunteering

Adults aged 19+ can enrol on both tailored learning and accredited courses. Delivered throughout Cambridgeshire and online, you'll find a wide range of opportunities available to help you develop your skills and support you in employment.

## **Cambridgeshire Skills**



A countywide adult learning service that can help you develop the employment skills and knowledge you

need. It also offers a free careers advice service. Cambridgeshire Skills runs courses designed to improve your wellbeing and mental health. Email: cambsals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Web: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/ adults/cambridgeshire-skills-adult-learning Tel: 01353 613013

For more information, scan the following QR code.



## Employment

If you are over 18 and have a disability, your local Jobcentre Plus can offer advice and information on finding a job and the range of programmes and funding that may be available. An Access to Work grant can pay for practical support if you have a disability, health, or mental health condition. It can help you to start and stay in work or start a business. Visit **www.gov.uk/access-to-work** 

The Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service helps people with mental health conditions to find and sustain paid employment. IPS can help you write a CV, covering letters, and applications. Or help you prepare for job interviews or access benefits advice. The service will ensure your health and work goals are joined up and plans are made to help you at work.

Email: ipsreferrals@cpft.nhs.uk Web: www.cpft.nhs.uk/service-detail/service/ individual-placement-and-support-ips-18 Tel: 01733 748484

More information on sources of support and advice to help disabled people find and stay in work is available at **www.gov.uk** (search 'Help and support for young disabled people').

## Volunteering

There are five volunteer centres in Cambridgeshire which can answer your questions and help you to find a variety of opportunities.

## CCVS

Web: www.cambridgecvs.org.uk

Voluntary and Community Action for East Cambridgeshire Web: www.vcaec.org.uk

Volunteer Centre Fenland Web: www.fenlandvc.org.uk Volunteer Centre Huntingdonshire Web: www.huntsvc.org.uk

Volunteer Centre Peterborough Web: www.pcvs.co.uk/volunteering-centre

## Tip

Timebanking is a way for local people to come together and volunteer to help each other by exchanging knowledge, help, and skills. Visit www.supportcambridgeshire.org.uk/ volunteering/timebanking

## Social training enterprises

Provide vocational training activities for people with disabilities or complex needs. The learning opportunities include social skills, personal development, independent living, careers advice, and nationally recognised qualifications. Research the following services to find out more about what they offer.

## **Branching Out**

Web: www.branchingoutuk.com Tel: 01353 863221

#### **Burwell Print Centre**

Email: info@burwellprint.co.uk Web: www.burwellprint.co.uk Tel: 01638 613102

## Camtrust

Email: info@camtrust.co.uk Web: www.camtrust.co.uk • Tel: 01223 236786

#### **Darwin Nurseries**

Email: darwin.nurseries@cpft.nhs.uk Web: www.cpft.nhs.uk/darwinnurseries

#### **Eddie's**

Email: info@eddies.org.uk Web: www.eddies.org.uk • Tel: 01223 883130

#### **Footprints Café**

Web: www.facebook.com/ footprintscafesawston Tel: 01223 839323

#### **OWL Bikes Papworth Trust**

Email: owlbikes@papworth.org.uk Web: www.papworthtrust.org.uk/owl-bikes Tel: 01223 839580

#### **Prospects Trust**

Email: enquiries@prospectstrust.org.uk Web: www.prospectstrust.org.uk Tel: 01638 741551

## **Red2Green**

Email: info@red2green.org Web: www.red2green.org Tel: 01223 811662

#### **Rowan Humberstone**

Email: info@rowanhumberstone.co.uk Web: www.rowanhumberstone.co.uk Tel: 01223 566027

## Social Training Enterprise Group

Web: www.steng.org.uk

# Looking after someone who couldn't manage without your help and support

You may be reading this Guide because you are a carer, or you know someone who is. Being a carer can be rewarding – but it is also very hard work. Caring is a stressful role and it's important to think about your own mental and physical health and emotional wellbeing as well as the person you care for.

Support is available for anyone who cares for someone else, whether you would call yourself a carer or not. This support can help make your caring role easier, and it can free up more time for you to take care of yourself so that you can continue caring.

#### Tip

If you're a carer, you can use the action plan on page 6 to help you and the person you care for understand how you can best support yourselves.



## **Carers UK digital resources**

Many people find it helpful to ask their friends and family for support in their caring role. There are lots of online tools and apps that make it easy for you to let trusted family and friends see what jobs need doing, volunteer for those jobs, see who has agreed to do what, and which jobs have been done. Cambridgeshire County Council has teamed up with Carers UK to give local carers access to a wide range of digital tools and essential resources that may help make your caring situation easier. Visit **www.carersdigital.org** and use the free access code DGTL3385. This includes Jointly, available at **www.jointlyapp.com** 

## Information and support for adult carers

In this Guide, there is a lot of advice on how to get out and about in the community on page 7. Page 21 is full of tips about how to adapt the home of the person you are caring for to support them to stay independent, safe, and well.

Support available for carers includes practical help, such as equipment, modifications, or alterations to the home. It can also include emotional support, access to exercise, learning opportunities or social activities, advocacy, and even short breaks.

There is also lots of support in Cambridgeshire for adult carers themselves, including local organisations and voluntary groups.

## **Caring Together**

Provides information, advice, and guidance for adult carers. It also offers a vast range of support including flexible breaks, carers' emergency planning, training, and peer support groups. Email: **hello@caringtogether.org** Web: **www.caringtogether.org** Tel: **0345 241 0954** 

## **Making Space**

Supports people who care for someone aged 18-65 with a mental health condition. It offers someone for you to talk to, someone who can speak on your behalf, and help with the complex needs of the person you care for. Email: **enquiries@makingspace.co.uk** Web: **www.makingspace.co.uk** • Tel: **01480 211006** 

If you need additional support to continue your caring role, you may be eligible for support from Cambridgeshire County Council. The council will offer advice and guidance to help you with your caring responsibilities and help you look after your own wellbeing. The council may also do a more in-depth carers' assessment to understand what's important to you, and your needs. This will focus on the outcomes you want to achieve to help maintain your wellbeing. Carers' assessments are available even if the person you care for does not get any help from the council.

Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/ adults/looking-after-someone/** If the person that you care for requires care and support to meet their needs, see page 52.

## Planning for an emergency

It is important to make sure that the person you care for is kept safe even if you are not able to be there for them. The 'What If?' Plan provides emergency support to the person you care for, should you be unable to care because of a sudden illness, accident, or other unplanned event.

It is a free service funded by Cambridgeshire County Council to look after adults with care needs during an emergency involving their family carer. As a carer, you can register a 'What If?' Plan and apply for an emergency card.

Emergency support is provided by contacting your nominated contacts for you, with essential back-up support from professional carers available, if required. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can register for this service here at **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/ adults/looking-after-someone** 

## Information and support for young carers

Some young people help to look after someone in their family. It could be someone with a disability or a long-term physical or mental health condition, or regular drug or alcohol use. Taking on levels of responsibility that may not be appropriate for your age can have a significant impact on your physical health and wellbeing, your access to education, and your future opportunities.

There are lots of people you can ask for help including your school's Young Carers Champion or a teacher you trust. To find out more, visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Young carers'). **Centre 33** provides specialist support and advice to young carers up to the age of 18 across Cambridgeshire. It helps young carers meet each other, supports them in their education settings, and helps with the transition to adult services.

Centre 33 assesses individual needs to identify additional support you may be eligible for and can help you to access this support. Email: **hello@centre33.org.uk** Web: **www.centre33.org.uk** Tel: **0333 414 1809** 

## Parent carers

If you are a parent or carer to a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), the Cambridgeshire SEND Information Hub contains a



wealth of information, advice, and support. Visit **send.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** 

Cambridgeshire County Council's Child and Family Centres offer events, activities, parenting courses, help, and support for families. They also offer outreach events and activities. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Child and family centres').

The council's Family Hubs provide access to services and support families including Child and Family Centres, Start for Life, Early Help, and Family Information services. Visit **www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk** (search 'Family hubs').

**Caring Together** supports all different types of carers, including parent carers. For more information, visit its dedicated parent carer webpage. Email: **hello@caringtogether.org** 

Web: www.caringtogether.org/support-forcarers/parent-carers Tel: 0345 241 0954

Making Space offers support to carers (including parent carers) of adults (18-64) who have a

mental health need. In Cambridgeshire, there are two Making Space carers' groups.

## Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Carer Support Service

Suite 4 The Stables, The Shrubbery, Church Street, St Neots PE19 2BU

Email: enquiries@makingspace.co.uk Web: www.makingspace.co.uk/cambridgeshirecarer-support Tel: 01480 211006

## The Limes

5 Church Lane, Littleport, Ely CB6 1PS Email: enquiries@makingspace.co.uk Web: www.makingspace.co.uk/the-limes Tel: 01353 863194

**Pinpoint** is Cambridgeshire's Parent Carer Forum and offers information and support to parent carers.

Email: information@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk Web: www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk Tel: 01480 877333

## SEND Information, Advice and Support Service

(SENDIAS) offers impartial and confidential information, advice, and support to parents and carers who have a child with Special Educational Needs (SEN) or a disability or have concerns that their child has SEN. Visit send.cambridgeshire.gov.uk (search 'SENDIASS').





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## **Financial support for carers**

Carer's Allowance is paid at a standard rate. You might be eligible if you:

- Are aged 16 or over.
- Spend at least 35 hours a week caring for someone.
- Have lived in England, Scotland, or Wales for at least two of the last three years.
- Aren't either in full-time education or earning more than £139 a week after tax and expenses.

Before an application for Carer's Allowance is made, it's a good idea for you to check with the person you're caring for, as it might affect their benefit payments. Carer's Premium is an extra payment per week that can sometimes be added into the calculation of other means-tested benefits you might get on top of Carer's Allowance.

## Tip

If you are a carer and are not in receipt of these benefits, but think you may be eligible, visit

www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/help-for-carers

To check your eligibility for benefits, visit www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators or call Citizens Advice on 0800 144 8848.

# Keeping healthy and well

Staying healthy is an important part of living an active and independent life. Whatever your abilities and circumstances, there are many things you can do to improve your health, such as changing your diet, exercising more, or giving up harmful habits like smoking.

**Be Well in Cambridgeshire** offers advice to help you maintain a healthy lifestyle and keep well. Visit **www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk** 

How Are You (H.A.Y) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is a group of websites, developed and managed by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT), that bring together everything in the local community that boosts wellbeing. Visit www.haycambspboro.co.uk

The NHS Live Well website contains advice about healthy living, including eating a balanced diet, exercise, quitting smoking, and drinking less alcohol. Visit www.nhs.uk/live-well

## **Healthy You**

The service provides local, friendly, and low-cost activity sessions across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to support you to improve your health. It offers a range of sessions including wellbeing walks, seated activities, walking sports, strength and balance classes, and healthy eating advice.

Healthy You is also your free local stop smoking service. Stop smoking specialists can help you achieve your goal of giving up smoking through a combination of one-to-one support and medication. You can find out more from the Healthy You website, speak to your GP to get referred, or contact your local Healthy You Coordinator. Visit www.healthyyou.org.uk/healthy-lifestyles-2/ healthy-lifestyles



## Drugs and alcohol support

Change Grow Live (CGL) provides a range of support options for adults living in Cambridgeshire who are struggling with drug and alcohol issues. CGL Cambridgeshire offers support and advice hubs in three locations.

#### Cambridge

Mill House, Mill Road CB1 3DF Email: cambridgeshirereferrals@cgl.org.uk Tel: 0300 555 0101 (option one).

## Huntingdon

Hartford House, 2 Hartford Road PE29 3PB Email: cambridgeshirereferrals@cgl.org.uk Tel: 0300 555 0101 (option two).

## Wisbech

Inspiration House, Church Terrace PE13 1BW Email: **cambridgeshirereferrals@cgl.org.uk** Tel: **0300 555 0101** (option three).

For more information, visit **www.changegrowlive.** org/drug-alcohol-service-cambridgeshire

#### **Cambridgeshire Recovery Service**

This is a community-based hub of support groups, creative workshops, and wellbeing classes throughout Cambridgeshire (supporting individuals recovering from drug/alcohol addiction). For more information, visit **www.cambsrecoveryservice.co.uk** 

## Your mental health and wellbeing

Everyone goes through difficult times; sometimes our problems affect our day-to-day lives, and we feel that we can't cope. Your GP should be your first point of contact for mental health and wellbeing issues, they can discuss your concerns and the right treatment for you.

If your low mood is affecting your wellbeing, you can talk to a Mental Health Trainer from **Healthy You**. Freephone **0333 005 0093** or text 'Healthyu' to **60777**. If you are in a mental health crisis, call **111** (select option two). Specially trained mental health staff are available all day, every day.

## The Psychological Wellbeing Service is a

self-referral service, part of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) services, an NHS initiative designed to make psychological or talking therapies more accessible to people experiencing common mental health conditions. To self-refer, visit **www.cpft.nhs.uk/self-referhere** or call **0300 300 0055**.

Other services available in Cambridgeshire Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, and South Lincolnshire Mind

Email: enquiries@cpslmind.org.uk Web: www.cpslmind.org.uk Tel: 0300 303 4363

#### **Cruse Bereavement Support**

Web: **www.cruse.org.uk** Tel: **0808 808 1677** 

#### **Keep Your Head**

Web: www.keep-your-head.com

#### Lifecraft

Web: www.lifecraft.org.uk Tel: 01223 566957

## **Making Space**

Email: enquiries@makingspace.co.uk Web: www.makingspace.co.uk Tel: 01480 211006

## **MindEd for Families**

Web: www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk/older-people

#### Rethink

Web: www.rethink.org • Tel: 0808 801 0525

#### Help for veterans and service leavers

All veterans, service leavers, non-mobilised reservists, and their family members and carers can access a range of specialist healthcare and support created to provide treatment and care for many different problems. Visit **www.nhs.uk** (search 'Veterans').

## **Social Prescribers**

Working alongside GPs and other members of the primary health team. You can ask your GP to refer you to a Social Prescriber or NHS Link Worker if you would like to have a conversation about 'what matters to you'. Social Prescribers can help you to find community support and services include volunteering, group activities, healthy lifestyles

## Health And Wellbeing Coaches

This service supports people to increase their motivation levels, ability to self-manage, and commitment to change their lifestyle.

The coaches are experts in behaviour change and focus on improving health-related outcomes by working with people to set personalised goals. They work with people with physical and/or mental health conditions and those at risk of developing them. information, legal advice, and debt counselling.

Social Prescribing can help you to have more control over your health and find ways to improve how you feel in a way that suits you. Visit **www.england.nhs.uk/personalisedcare/socialprescribing** or contact your GP.

Health And Wellbeing Coaches can be an effective intervention for people experiencing a range of long-term conditions, including respiratory, cardiovascular (including type 2 diabetes and hypertension), and stress/low mood. They can also support people with weight management, diet, and increasing activity levels. Health and Wellbeing Coaches work as part of the Primary Care Team at your local GP surgery.

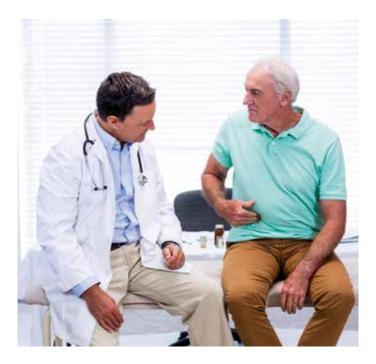
## **Regular health checks**

By undergoing routine health checks, you can spot any health problems in the early stages when they are easier to treat, helping you to make the best choices about your health and wellbeing. People with a learning disability often experience poorer physical and mental health than others.

A Learning Disability Annual Health Check can address this and help you stay well by talking about your health and finding any problems early, so you get the right care. To arrange a health check, contact your GP. Visit **www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhshealth-check** for more information.

## Vaccinations

It's important to keep up to date with all your vaccinations. If you're eligible for a free flu vaccination, you can book an appointment at your GP surgery or a pharmacy that offers it on the NHS. Some people may be eligible for both the flu and the COVID-19 booster vaccinations. It is safe to have them at the same time. Visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations



## **NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS (Integrated Care System) brings together NHS organisations and other local providers to promote, support, and improve the health and wellbeing of people living locally. For more information, visit **www.cpics.org.uk** 

## Choosing the right treatment for your health and medical needs

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<b>Self-care</b> Cough, cold, small cuts, sore throat	A large range of common illnesses and injuries can be treated at home. You can also get health advice by visiting <b>www.nhs.uk</b> or calling NHS <b>111</b> .		
<b>Pharmacy</b> Aches and pains, rashes, teething, medicine issues	Pharmacists can advise and treat a wide range of symptoms.		
<b>GP surgery</b> Vomiting, arthritis, asthma, low mood	GPs and nurses can see you for a wide range of general health issues. You will need to be registered with a GP surgery and make an appointment to visit a nurse or GP.		
You can find information about your local p	harmacy and GP surgery at <b>www.nhs.uk</b>		
Minor injuries Small fractures, minor burns, cuts, fever	<ul> <li>Wisbech Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) <ul> <li>North Cambridgeshire Hospital PE13 3AB</li> <li>Opening times: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 6.00pm (closed at weekends and bank holidays).</li> <li>Tel: 01945 468787</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ely MIU <ul> <li>Princess of Wales Hospital, Lynn Road CB6 1DN</li> <li>Opening times: Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays, 8.30am to 6.00pm.</li> <li>Tel: 01353 772500</li> </ul> </li> <li>Doddington MIU <ul> <li>Benwick Road, March PE15 0UG</li> <li>Opening times: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 6.00pm; and weekends and bank holidays, 9.00am to 5.00pm.</li> <li>Tel: 01354 637078</li> </ul> </li> <li>St Neots Walk-in Centre <ul> <li>24 Moore's Walk PE19 1AG</li> <li>Opening times: Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 9.00am and 6.00pm to 8.00pm; and weekends, 9.00am to 4.00pm.</li> <li>Tel: 01480 219317</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>A&amp;E/999</b> Severe bleeding, loss of consciousness, severe chest pain, major trauma	A&E and <b>999</b> are for serious or life-threatening situations. If you are unsure if you should go to A&E, NHS <b>111</b> can provide expert advice and guidance for non-life-threatening injuries.		

## **NHS App**

A simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services on your smartphone or tablet. To use it you must be aged 13 and over and registered with a GP surgery in England. Use the NHS App to order repeat prescriptions, book appointments, check your symptoms, view your medical record, and more. Visit **www.nhs.uk** (search 'NHS App').

# Staying independent at home

Most people stay living in their own home as their ability and situation changes. There are many things you can do to keep your independence and remain living in your own home for as long as possible. This might mean changing the way you do something or trying something new.

## South Cambridgeshire Mobile and Community Wardens

Mobile and Community Warden schemes can benefit anyone in need of social contact, companionship, and a little bit of extra support at home. Wardens provide a familiar face, offering a listening ear and supporting you to stay in your community for longer. Regular, weekly visits are provided as well as short-term support, all for a relatively low cost. Help provided could include picking up prescriptions, going to the Post Office, reading post, filling in forms, and making phone calls. Email **duty.communities@** scambs.gov.uk or call **01954 713070**.

## Staying steady on your feet

Falls are not an inevitable part of getting older – much can be done to keep you stronger for longer. Remaining active and doing simple strength and balance exercises at least twice a week is one of the most effective ways of keeping you strong and steady. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ strongerforlonger** 

Take the interactive Steady on Your Feet falls risk checker to understand your personal risk factors for falling and the simple things you can do to stay mobile, independent, and doing the things you enjoy.

# Visit cambridgeshire-and-peterborough. steadyonyourfeet.org

## Тір

If you would like advice on reducing your chances of falling or to sign up to the free Falls Management Exercise (FaME) programme, visit www.healthyyou.org.uk/services/fallsprevention or contact the Healthy You Falls Prevention Health Trainer Service on 0333 005 0093.

## **Care Together**

Cambridgeshire County Council is changing the way it supports people. This is based upon public feedback about how the council can help you to stay living in your own home for as long as possible, doing the things you want to do in your community.

Care Together is helping to set up and expand local groups, activities, and services, including Care

Micro-Enterprises, providing all kinds of care and support services to people in their local community.

For more information about how Care Together can strengthen the support and opportunities in your community, or if you are interested in becoming a Care Micro-Enterprise yourself, visit **www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk/council/communities/care-together** 

## Equipment to keep you independent, safe, and well

Many people use equipment to help them remain independent, safe, and well in their homes. This could be a kettle tipper to help you to prepare hot drinks, a shower seat to help you wash, or light bulbs that automatically turn on when you get out of bed.

There is also equipment that keeps your home safe, by checking for smoke or maintaining the temperature. Advances in technology mean there is easier-to-use and inexpensive equipment available, so you can find the solution that best suits your circumstances. Some everyday items and technology can help as well, such as reminder apps on smart phones, or wide-handled cutlery. Most of this equipment is available through high street and online retailers, or your local pharmacy.

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk (search 'Equipment and technology for adults and older people').

#### Tip

## Adaptations to your home

If you find that equipment is not offering as much support as you need, there are adaptations that you can make to your home. These can include stair lifts, grab rails or large ramps, changing a bath to a shower, or putting in a downstairs toilet.

Many people find that by making these adaptations, their everyday activities are easier to do, they avoid having to move out of their own home and can continue to live as independently as possible.

Cambridgeshire Libraries offer free ferrule replacement to walking-aid users. Library staff will help to check the rubbery cap at the bottom of the walking aid. If it's worn, staff members will help replace it. Ask library staff for more information.

Safe + Well Cambridgeshire is run by NRS Healthcare and supported by Cambridgeshire County Council. It provides information, advice, and a range of equipment and devices that you can purchase to help with everyday tasks. Visit www.safeandwell.co.uk/cambridgeshire or call 01480 415719.

Age UK has information on making changes and adaptations to your home. Visit www.ageuk.org.uk (search 'home adaptations').







#### Iocal home improvements agencies

Assist you to organise building-related works to your home that will allow you to remain living independently and safely.

## Care and Repair Services East Cambridgeshire Email:

careandrepairservices@eastcambs.gov.uk Web: www.eastcambs.gov.uk/care-and-repair Tel: 01353 616950

## **Technology Enabled Care and lifelines**

The Technology Enabled Care Services (TECS) team at Cambridgeshire County Council can give advice and guidance on technology for your home that could make your life easier.

Email: **TECS@cambridgeshire.gov.uk** Web: **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Technology Enabled Care'). Tel: **01480 378160** 

There are several community alarm services in Cambridgeshire (sometimes referred to as Lifeline/Life Line). A community alarm is a pendant alarm in your home which, when pressed, contacts a response centre to notify the service that you need help.

A community alarm service can contact the emergency services and arrange for a GP, district nurse, next of kin, or named key holder to visit or help you. Some providers also offer a key safe so that trusted people can access your home in an emergency. Here are some alternative providers. Please note that the council is not able to recommend these services.

**Age Co Personal Alarms (Age UK)** Tel: **0800 085 8032** 

**Astraline** Tel: **01625 466681** 

**Careium** Tel: **0300 333 6511** 

Careline Tel: 0800 101 3333

#### Care and Repair West Norfolk Fenland.

Email: careandrepair@west-norfolk.gov.uk Web: www.careandrepair-wn.org Tel: 01553 616200

#### Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency

Cambridge City, South Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire. • Email: **hia@cambshia.org** Web: **www.cambshia.org** • Tel: **01954 713330** 

## Careline Community Service Tel: 01553 616200

LifeConnect24 Tel: 0800 999 0400 SAGA personal alarms Tel: 0800 068 5059

Sanctuary Technology Enabled Living Tel: 0330 123 3365

South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Lifeline service Tel: 01954 713000 Email: lifelines@scambs.gov.uk

**Telecare24** Tel: **0800 180 8540** 

**Telecare Choice** Tel: **0800 635 7000** 





## Looking after your home

Sometimes you might need some support to look after your home and garden to help you keep safe and healthy.

## Home fire safety checks

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) provides free safe and well visits, where firefighters or specially trained community safety officers can visit your home and provide help and guidance in a variety of areas, including fire safety, falls prevention, cluttering and hoarding, and staying well and warm at home.

## For more information, visit **www.cambsfire.gov.uk** or call **0800 917 9994**.

## **Clutter and hoarding**

High levels of clutter make it easier for fires to start and create a greater risk of fire spreading. Do you or someone you know have:

- Possessions filling up living areas.
- Strong urges to save things rather than discarding them.

- Difficulty avoiding buying new things.
- Cluttered rooms.

Visit **www.mind.org.uk** (search 'Hoarding') for useful information and advice or see **www.nhs.uk/mental-health/conditions/hoarding-disorder** 

## Help with odd jobs or finding a reliable trader

Asking your friends or family for recommendations is a good way of finding a reliable trader. If this doesn't help you, Trading Standards' approved trader scheme, Buy with Confidence, can help. All scheme members have been checked by Trading Standards and have demonstrated a commitment to high-quality service.

Although Trading Standards checks each trader thoroughly before approving them, this does not give a price guarantee. You should still get three quotes to ensure you are being charged a reasonable price.

Visit **www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk** or call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 1133**.

#### Cambridgeshire Handyperson Service

A service run by Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to help with minor alterations, repairs, and DIY for people aged 65 and over and any adult with a disability. Charges may apply for some services.

Email: chp@ageukcap.org.uk Web: www.ageuk.org.uk/ cambridgeshireandpeterborough Tel: 01480 700205

#### The Bobby Scheme

A registered charity supporting victims of crime who are older, vulnerable, or disabled and are either the victims of burglary, domestic abuse, or who are concerned about home and personal security. The charity gives expert advice on securing your home and staying safe. It can also help by installing high-quality, effective devices around the home. Email **info@thebobbyscheme.org**, visit **www.thebobbyscheme.org** call **01480 413311**.

# Avoiding scams

Here are some simple tips for dealing with unsolicited contact, to keep you safe from the financial and the emotional harm of scams.

## Tips

Do not trust callers or visitors just because they sound official, send legitimate looking paperwork, or have an ID card. Criminals are very clever at faking communications to appear genuine. Don't be rushed by anyone asking you to send money or making you an offer that's too good to be true.

Do not give money, personal, or banking details (including account details or your PIN) to anybody contacting you out of the blue.

Always verify that someone contacting you unexpectedly is who they say they are by contacting the organisation they claim to be from. Use a number you know to be correct – not one that the person has given you. Do not deal with traders on the doorstep.

You can deter cold callers by displaying a 'Please leave and do not return' sign – these are available from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership.

For further information, visit **www.cambridgeshire.** gov.uk/residents/community-protection/scams

Independent Age has lots of useful tips on how to avoid being scammed. Visit www.independentage.org (search 'How to avoid a scam').

## Reporting scams

Phone, email, and online scams Action Fraud Web: www.actionfraud.police.uk Tel: 0300 123 2040

#### **Postal scams**

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk Tel: 0808 223 1133

## Rogue trading/doorstep crime Cambridgeshire Constabulary Tel: 999 (live incident/emergency). Tel: 101 (after incident/non-emergency).



# Support with the cost of living

## Keeping your house warm

## Warm Home Discount

A one-off payment of £150 to reduce eligible customers' bills over the winter months. You get the payment automatically if your electricity supplier is part of the Warm Home Discount scheme and you or your partner receive the Guarantee Credit portion of Pension Credit. One of you must be named on your bill. Getting a Warm Home Discount doesn't affect your entitlement to a Winter Fuel Payment or Cold Weather Payment. Visit **www.gov.uk/the-warmhome-discount-scheme** for updated information.

#### **Cold Weather Payment**

This is different to the Winter Fuel Payment. Check if your area is due a payment at www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment

#### **Winter Fuel Payment**

If you were born before 25 September 1957, you could get between £250 and £600, designed to help you cover your winter heating costs.

## Food and energy costs

## Household Support Fund (HSF)

This has been created to help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food and household energy bills. Households in need of immediate food, fuel, or essential supplies may apply for financial support of £110, paid in one lump sum either directly into your bank account or via Post Office vouchers.

You are eligible to access this support if all the following apply to you (and your spouse/partner):

- Currently live in Cambridgeshire.
- Have £16,000 or less in money, savings, and investments.
- Have not applied for this support in the last three months.
- Have income levels less than identified in the table at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk (search 'Household Support Fund').

If you are eligible, you will receive a letter in October or November, advising how much you will receive. Payment is made automatically. The amount you get includes a 'Pensioner Cost of Living Payment' of between £150 and £300. Visit **www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/how-muchyoull-get** for more information.



If you are paid monthly, the table figures are before any tax due, though you should include all sources of income. This includes income from sources such as benefits, pensions, students, dependants' grants, and income from property or other investments. The HSF also offers a variety of support routes as follows.

#### **Older people**

If you are struggling financially, you are eligible for support if:

- You are of state pension age.
- You live in Cambridgeshire.
- No one under the age of 19 lives with you.

You can access this financial support by contacting **Age UK**, who are delivering this service on behalf of the council. Call **01223 221929**. →

## Trusted partners

You can access support through a trusted partner. For a list of partners, visit **www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-thecost-of-living/household-support-fund** (see 'Trusted partners').

## Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme (CHVS)

The council is running the CHVS until the February 2024 half term, providing supermarket vouchers for parents of children who meet certain criteria. For more information, visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme').

## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Gives parents access to free childcare (including meals and activities) over Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays, subject to availability and eligibility. Registered holiday schemes will offer up to 16 hours of free attendance for eligible children and young people. A range of fun experiences, a healthy meal, and snacks are offered. Access this support at **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'HAF Provider Directory').

## **Cambridgeshire Home Energy Support Services**

Energy advice service that provides households in Fenland, Huntingdonshire, East Cambridgeshire, and Cambridge City with the information and resources needed to stay warm and healthy, whilst cutting costs and carbon.

Email: energyadvice@pect.org.uk Tel: 0800 802 1773 (freephone).

For help and support with managing your energy bills, visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Energy support') for helpful links and guidance.

## Local Energy Advice Programme (LEAP)

Offers a free, in-home advice visit to households in Peterborough and South Cambridgeshire to help save you money and keep your home warm. LEAP can:

- Install free, simple energy-saving measures such as LED light bulbs and draught-proofing.
- Check if you're on the best energy tariff via its dedicated switching service.
- Arrange a free money advice consultation.

• Help you find funding for further energy-saving home improvements.

Email: support@applyforleap.org.uk Web: www.applyforleap.org.uk/apply Tel: 0800 060 7567 (freephone).

## Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS)

Provides information, advice, and practical support and assistance to those facing unexpected financial difficulties. Following an assessment, you may be eligible for a CLAS award, such as supermarket vouchers, energy vouchers, or recycled white goods and furniture.

## Web: **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Local assistance'). Tel: **0344 848 7979** (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm).

## Food banks

The Trussell Trust is a UK charity that supports a nationwide network of food banks. Visit **www.trusselltrust.org** or call **0808 208 2138** (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm).

## **Stay Well this Winter**

Visit **www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk** (search 'Stay well') to access vital support, including appropriate information and resources, helpful services, financial aid, and how to increase the energy efficiency of your home and reduce heating costs.



# Heatwaves

Extreme heat can be dangerous, particularly for older people and those with chronic health conditions. To stay safe in the heat:

- Close curtains and windows during the day and open them at night.
- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol.
- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Try to keep out of the sun between 11.00am and 3.00pm.
- If you must go outside in the heat, walk in the shade, apply sunscreen, cover up with clothing, and wear a wide-brimmed hat.
- Avoid physical exertion during the hottest parts of the day.

Symptoms of heatstroke:

• Feeling faint and dizzy.

# Home support

You might need support to stay living independently at home. This could be help from family, friends, neighbours, or others.

## Meals, shopping, and food preparation

If you, or someone you care for, is having difficulty shopping or preparing and cooking meals, there are various options you could choose to help make mealtimes easier. Consider asking a friend or family member for help, use supermarkets online, or call home delivery services.

Community Navigators can also help you find support if you don't have anyone that can help you. For more information, see page 10.

## Frozen meals delivery services

You can order food with Wiltshire Farm Foods as often or as little as needed, there's no contract. Meals can be ordered online, on the app, or over the phone. To request a brochure, or place an order, visit **www.wiltshirefarmfoods.com** or call **0800 077 3100**.

- Difficulty breathing.
- Vomiting.
- Confusion.

If you or someone in your care is displaying these symptoms:

- Take action to cool down as soon as possible.
- Call NHS **111** for advice. Call **999** if a person has collapsed.

British Red Cross has further information. Visit **www.redcross.org.uk** (search 'Heatwaves advice').

#### Tip

Many prescription medicines can reduce your tolerance of heat. You should keep taking your medicine but take extra care to keep cool. If in doubt, contact your GP.

Oakhouse Foods offers a wide range of frozen ready meals and desserts, catering for different dietary needs and preferences. Meals are delivered to your home and the team can pack them away for you. To request a brochure, or place an order, visit **www.oakhousefoods.co.uk** or call **0333 370 6700**.

## Hot meals delivery service in Cambridgeshire

CAMMS Meals on Wheels delivers hot meals to people in Cambridgeshire and the surrounding villages, including St Neots, St Ives, Ely, Littleport, Chatteris, and March. There is no eligibility criteria for having meals delivered. Visit **www.** cammsmealsonwheels.org or call **01223 314288**.

For more information, visit **www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk** (search 'Help with meals').



## Specific support for people with a sensory impairment

There is a range of organisations that support people with sensory impairments to remain living safe and well at home. For more information, visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Support for sight and hearing loss, and disabilities'). You can also email **careinfo@cambridgeshire.gov.uk** or call **0345 045 5202**. Other helpful organisations are listed as follows.

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## Specific support for people with disabilities

The Physical Disabilities and Older People's teams have amalgamated and are now known as the Community Adults Team. This team continues to support people aged 18-75 who are living with a physical disability or disabled parents. The team also offers carers' assessments to identify any help they might need, and if you are eligible for support, can provide you with a Personal Budget.

The Learning Disability Partnership helps people who have a learning disability diagnosis by providing health and social care support.

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For support for people aged 0-25 years with additional needs, visit Cambridgeshire's Send Information Hub (Local Offer) at send.cambridgeshire.gov.uk



## Specific support for autistic people

There are lots of resources and support available in Cambridgeshire to enable autistic people to live a fulfilled life. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Autism').

The National Autistic Society provides information and advice to support autistic people of all ages, and their families and carers. Visit www.nascambridge.org.uk

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The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a simple tool for you to voluntarily share that you have a disability or condition that may not be immediately apparent. Visit **www.hdsunflower.com/uk** for more details.

## Specific support for people with dementia

Your GP is your first point of contact for dementia concerns. Your GP will discuss these with you and consider whether they can provide the help and treatment you need. Several community services are available to help people with dementia stay living in their own homes for as long as possible. For example, there are services providing breaks for carers on page 12; and there is advice on equipment and adaptations on page 20.

## **Alzheimer's Society**

A website hosting lots of information and support for people with dementia and their families, including a directory of local services and support groups. Dementia Connect is Alzheimer's Society's personalised support and advice service for anyone affected by dementia. Web: **www.alzheimers.org.uk** • Tel: **0333 150 3456** (Dementia Connect Support Line).

## Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Dementia Support Service

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We suggest that you have paper with you when speaking with home care agencies so you can make notes. You can download and print this checklist at www.carechoices.co.uk/checklists

## About the agency

How long has the agency been operating?	
How long are staff allocated per visit?	
Can you contact the agency in an emergency or outside office hours?	

Does the agency have experience with your specific needs?

## Staff

Are you likely to be visited by different	
staff each day?	

Are all staff checked with the	
Disclosure and Barring Service?	

Will you be notified in advance if your care worker is on holiday or sick?

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Are staff matched to you specifically, based on your needs and preferences?

Can you meet your care worker(s) before they start?

Does the agency have both male and female staff?

## Accommodating your needs

Can the agency accommodate your needs if they increase? Ask about the process for this.

Does the agency have a training scheme in place?

Are all staff trained to a certain level?

Are staff able to help with administering medication if required?

Is there a way for staff to communicate with each other about the support they provide when they visit you? How?

## Regulation

Will your support plan be reviewed at regular intervals?

Can you see the agency's contract terms?

Can you lodge a complaint easily?

Are complaints dealt with quickly?

Can you see a copy of the agency's CQC registration certificate and quality rating?

## **Notes**


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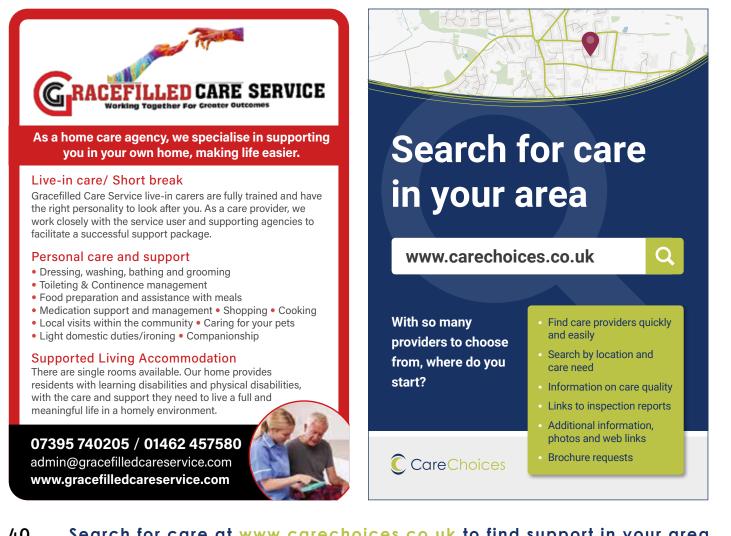
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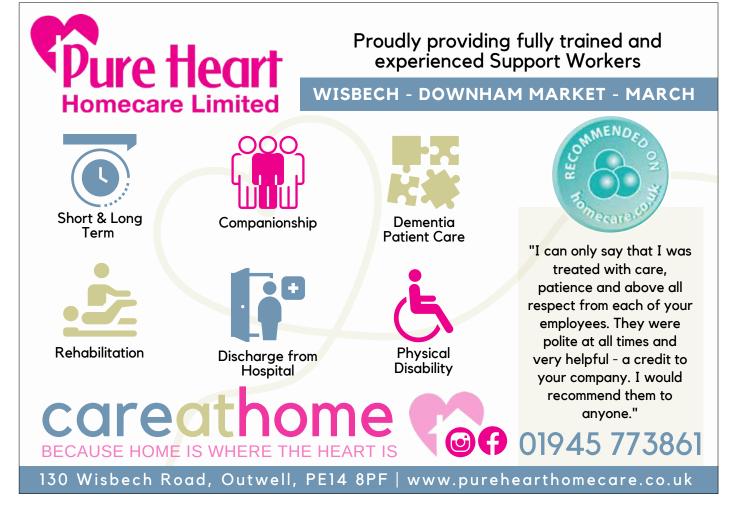
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- There is also assistance with scheduling visits and ensuring medication is delivered on time.
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- This service is designed around you and your social and communal interests, as well as your medical needs

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# Coming home from hospital

Going into hospital can be a worrying time for people and their carers/family members. It is useful to think early on about what will happen when you leave hospital, whether you will need ongoing care and support and, if so, how you will pay for it. Unlike NHS services, social care is chargeable for people based on their own financial circumstances.

#### Support whilst you recover

You might need a bit of temporary support for a few days after leaving hospital whilst you recover and adapt to new ways of doing things. Often, informal support networks can be preferable to people who don't know you. You can arrange support with domestic tasks and personal care on a short-term basis. More information on these topics can be found on pages 27 and 59 respectively.

Care Network offers a free Help at Home service, for up to six weeks of practical and emotional support for any adult who has come out of hospital. The service can visit you at home or in hospital to discuss your individual needs and how they might help. All staff and volunteers undertake training and have enhanced DBS (police checks). Volunteers can call in to check you are okay and help with tasks such as picking up prescriptions, collecting shopping, light housework and practical tasks, and can link you with a range of community groups.



Cambridge, South Cambs and East Cambs Tel: 01223 714433

Huntingdonshire and Fenland Tel: 01354 694413

If appropriate, the council can also arrange short-term support for when you return home. You can ask to speak to the hospital social work team, who can help you identify what is important to you, agree your outcomes, and discuss the help and support available.

Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Hospital Discharge and Admission Avoidance Support Service can support people aged 60 and over on their return home for up to four weeks free of charge. Email hdsupport@ageukcap.org.uk or call 01354 691896.

# Reablement

The council's Reablement team will support you to maximise your independence by helping you maintain or relearn the skills needed for everyday life. Reablement programmes last from a few days to a few weeks and are tailored to you individually. Many people find that after their Reablement programme they can cope very well on their own, without the need for further care and support.

As part of your Reablement programme, the council will help you to plan any ongoing care that you might need or advise on local services you may be interested in, as well as suggest equipment which could make your day-to-day living easier. Cambridgeshire County Council Email: careinfo@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Web: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel: 0345 045 5202



# Someone to speak on your behalf – advocacy

Sometimes you might need someone to help you express yourself or speak on your behalf. This is known as advocacy. Advocates can give advice, support, and information to people of any age, helping you to voice your concerns and guiding you through the care planning process. You can have an advocate present with you when you have conversations with the social care worker or if you feel unsure or concerned when you are faced with making an important decision about your care and support. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Advocacy').

# Paying for your care

There's lots of free support available in the community that can help you to continue to live independently. However, you may have to pay for some support you receive.

If you think you may need care in the future, it is a good idea to get advice on how to pay for it before making any decisions.

Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Money and benefits') for financial support or refer to the following organisations.

#### Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Email: infoandadvice@ageukcap.org.uk Web: www.ageuk.org.uk/ cambridgeshireandpeterborough Tel: 0300 666 9860

#### **Cambridge and District Citizens Advice**

Web: www.cambridgecab.org.uk Tel: 0808 278 7808

#### **Independent Age**

Email: advice@independentage.org Web: www.independentage.org Tel: 0800 319 6789

#### **Money Helper**

Web: www.moneyhelper.org.uk Tel: 0800 138 7777 Typetalk: 18001 0800 915 4622

#### Society of Later Life Advisers (SOLLA)

Email: admin@societyoflaterlifeadvisers.co.uk Web: www.societyoflaterlifeadvisers.co.uk Tel: 0333 202 0454

#### **Disability benefits**

You may be entitled to disability benefits which you can use to help pay for the care and support you need. These benefits include:

- Personal Independence Payment (PIP) a benefit that helps with the extra costs of a long-term health condition or disability for people aged between 16 and State Pension age. There are two parts to PIP, a daily living part – if you need help with everyday tasks, and a mobility part – if you need help with getting around.
- Attendance Allowance a benefit for people over State Pension age, paid at two different rates depending on the level of help you need. The lower rate is for those needing care by day or night, and the higher rate is for those needing care both day and night, or who are terminally ill.

Attendance Allowance and the daily living component of PIP will be included in the calculation of your financial assessment.

Visit **www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/disability** or call **Citizens Advice** on **0808 278 7850**.

### Financial assessment and arranging your care

If you are unable to meet the cost of your care yourself, the council will carry out a financial assessment to see if it is able to contribute towards the cost. If your capital, savings, and income are above the current threshold, you will need to pay the full cost of your care and support.

The financial assessment, or means test, works out what you'll have to pay towards the cost of your care. It's carried out by the council after they complete your care needs assessment, which looks at what care needs you may have. The financial assessment will consider:

- Your income, including any pensions and benefits.
- Your capital, including savings and assets (such as a second property and stocks and shares etc.).

Paying for care in your own home

If you have capital or savings of more than the current threshold, not including your home, or you choose not to disclose your financial circumstances, you will have to pay the full cost of any care and support you require in your own home or periods of respite care in a care home. The council can arrange care for you, and you will be invoiced for this, or you can arrange your care privately and pay for it directly.

If you ask the council to arrange your care and support for you, you may be liable to pay an arrangement fee in addition to the costs of meeting your assessed care and support needs. This arrangement fee covers the cost of putting the care and support you need in place. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/adults** (see 'Money and benefits').

#### What you'll have to pay

This depends on your financial situation. The council can't charge anyone else, such as your partner or someone you live with, and the following factors will be considered.

#### Your income

This must not reduce below a certain amount, known as the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG).

If you'll be getting care services at home, the value of your home is not included if you own it. This is different to the rules about charging if you're moving to a care home.

#### **Deprivation of assets**

If someone intentionally reduces their assets – such as money, property, or income – so that these won't be included in the financial assessment for care, this is known as 'deprivation of assets'.

If the council concludes that you have deliberately reduced your assets to avoid paying towards the cost of care, your financial assessment may be completed as if you still owned the assets.

This is so you can still afford daily living costs, such as food and utility bills. If your weekly income is higher than your care costs, you'll usually have to pay for all of your care yourself – as long as you're left with at least your MIG amount. If the council includes any disability-related benefits you receive in your financial assessment, it must also consider any disability-related expenses you have.

#### Your capital

Capital is money or items that have a financial value. For example, savings, investments, land, and property.

Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Paying for care').



#### Direct Payments

If you are eligible to receive council-funded services, Cambridgeshire County Council will allocate you a 'Personal Budget'. This is the amount of money the council will pay towards your social care support. Personal Budgets give you more choice and control over how your money is used to buy care and support. You can choose from a range of options for managing your Personal Budget:

- Direct Payments money for your support is sent directly to you, or someone you have nominated. You can then arrange your own care and support arrangements. If you choose this option, you can get support from People Plus to manage your Direct Payments.
- Cambridgeshire County Council can manage the budget. This means the council will arrange care and support to meet your assessed needs.
- An Individual Service Fund (ISF) Provider.
- Any combination of these approaches.

**People Plus** is currently contracted by the council to provide the Direct Payments Support Service.

Email: ilscambridgeshire@peopleplus.co.uk Web: www.peopleplus.co.uk/health-socialcare-support Tel: 0330 123 2815

Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Paying for care').

#### Individual Service Fund (ISF)

An ISF is where you choose a provider, rather than the council or yourself, to manage your Personal Budget. The ISF provider will arrange services and support for you, with your agreement. With an ISF, you get choice and control over your support without having to manage the money yourself, which can be the case with a Direct Payment.

Your family, advocate, or carer could also help you. You would work with the provider to plan support services and activities to help achieve the outcomes identified in your care and support plan. ISFs can be used for a range of different purchases if they demonstrate that they are achieving positive outcomes for you. The services and activities must help meet your assessed needs.

### Paying for care in a care home or nursing home

If your income, capital, and savings are more than the current threshold, you are likely to have to pay the full cost of your care. If you own your home, its value will usually be included when calculating your capital. Sometimes it won't be included. For example, its value will be disregarded if it's still the main home of your partner, a close relative aged 60 or over, or a close relative with a disability. Other exemptions may apply; call **0345 045 5202**.

The care homes you consider must be able to meet your assessed care needs. If the council is contributing towards the cost of your care, your choice of care home will be limited to those that accept the council's funding level. If the home you have chosen charges more than the council's funding level, you must find someone to help pay the difference.

Except in limited circumstances, the law states that you are not allowed to make this additional

payment yourself. The responsibility for this often falls to a member of your family or a benevolent sponsor such as a charity. Once confirmed, they must sign an agreement with the council formalising the arrangement.

You may be able to arrange a Deferred Payment Agreement with the council. This is an arrangement which lets you use the value of your home to help pay for care home costs. This means the council could provide financial help which it will then recover once your home has been sold, or from your estate.

Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Paying for residential care').

#### Who can pay top-up fees

You can only pay your own top-up fees in one of the following situations:

• You've just moved permanently into a care home

and are in the 12-week property disregard period. Visit **www.independentage.org/get-advice/ health-and-care/paying-for-care** (select 'Selling your home to pay for residential care').

- You have a Deferred Payment Agreement with the council.
- Your accommodation is being provided as aftercare under section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

The top-up fee contract must explain how much the payments will be, how often they'll need to be paid, what might happen if you or your chosen third party can no longer afford the top-up, and how any annual increase in costs will be shared. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Paying for care in a care home').

If you move into a care home that provides nursing care, you may be entitled to a non-means-tested contribution towards the cost of your nursing care from the NHS, paid directly to the home. Visit **www.nhs.uk** (search 'NHS-funded nursing care').

#### Running out of money

If your capital and savings are likely to fall below the current threshold, let the council know well in advance. The council can arrange a financial assessment and may be able to contribute towards the cost of your care.

### NHS Continuing Healthcare (NHS CHC)

This is a package of care for adults aged 18 or over which is arranged and funded solely by the NHS. To receive NHS CHC funding, individuals must be assessed by integrated commissioning boards (ICBs) according to a legally prescribed decision-making process to determine whether the individual has a 'primary health need'. Visit **www.nhs.uk** (search 'NHS Continuing Healthcare').

# Your health, care, and financial affairs

There may come a time when you are unwell and cannot tell the people around you what you do and do not want. Recording your wishes allows you to express who you are and what is important to you. This gives you control over your treatment and care, and reassurance that the right decisions will be made.

Further information on planning for the future can be found using the following websites.

#### Age UK

Web: www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice

#### **Cambridgeshire County Council**

Tel: **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Mental capacity and planning for the future').

#### **Compassion in Dying**

Web: www.compassionindying.org.uk

### Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)

An LPA is a legal document that lets you appoint one or more people as an 'attorney/s' to help you make decisions or to make decisions on your behalf. This gives you more control over what happens to you if you have an accident, or an illness, and can't make your own decisions, meaning you 'lack mental capacity'. You must be 18 or over and have mental capacity (the ability to make your own decisions) when you make your LPA. There are two types of LPA:

- Health and welfare.
- Property and financial affairs.

You can choose to make one type or both. There is no need to involve solicitors and you can make an LPA online or by using paper forms. Visit **www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney** 

# Appointeeship

You can apply for the right to deal with the benefits of someone who cannot manage their own affairs because they're mentally incapable or severely disabled. Only one appointee can act on behalf of someone who is entitled to benefits (the claimant) from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). An appointee can be:

# Deputyship

You can apply to become someone's deputy if they 'lack mental capacity'. This means they cannot make important decisions independently. They may still be able to make decisions independently at other times. People may lack mental capacity because, for example:

- They've had a serious brain injury or illness.
- They have dementia.
- They have severe learning disabilities.

As a deputy, you'll be authorised by the Court of

- An individual. For example, a friend or relative.
- An organisation or representative of an organisation. For example, a solicitor or local council.

Visit www.gov.uk/become-appointee-forsomeone-claiming-benefits

Protection to make decisions on their behalf. There are two types of deputy:

- Property and financial affairs deputy you'll do things like pay the person's bills, receive their income, and manage their financial affairs.
- Personal welfare deputy you'll make decisions about medical treatment and how someone is looked after.

Visit www.gov.uk (search 'Deputyship').

# What to expect from Cambridgeshire County Council

Adult Social Care can provide you with the advice, information, and support you need to stay independent, safe, and, well. You may be able to get all the support you need from friends, family, and your local community but sometimes you might need some additional support. In this case, the council's Adult Social Care service could help you. Adult Social Care supports adults of all ages and disabilities.

#### Tip

Before contacting Adult Social Care, ask yourself the following questions:

- What would you like to be able to achieve?
- What difference would this make to your life?
- What has changed recently in your life?
- What options have you considered?

Write down the answers to help you remember them as you will be asked to discuss this when you contact Adult Social Care. Adult Social Care will work with you to identify the best options available to help you. This could be accessing community-based support, getting some equipment, or referring you for a more in-depth assessment.

If you're planning to contact Adult Social Care on behalf of someone else, you'll need to make sure that they know you're planning to do so. If you can, it's helpful to discuss the questions at the beginning of this section with the individual before making contact.

If you're looking after someone who couldn't manage without your help, you may also need some support so that you can continue to care and maintain your own health and wellbeing. See page 12 for more information.

For more information, visit **www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk/residents/adults/organising-care-andsupport** or call **0345 045 5202**.

### Care and support plans

If you are referred for a more in-depth care and support assessment, the Adult Social Care team will have a detailed conversation with you to understand your circumstances and to appreciate what you would like to achieve. The team will look at the support you receive from family, friends, and your local community, and will work with you to determine what additional support will help you to remain independent. Your care and support plan is all about you – your strengths and abilities, your care needs, what you want to achieve, and the support you need to live as independently as possible.

Once your initial care and support plan meets your desired outcomes, takes any risks into account, and is considered reasonable in terms of the available budget, it can be agreed by the council.

# Making a compliment, comment, or complaint about Adult Social Care

You can provide feedback yourself, or a family member, friend, or representative can contact the council on your behalf. You can provide feedback:

- Online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/ contact-us/council-complaints-procedures
- Over the phone on **0345 045 5202**.
- In writing to Customer Care Team, Adult Safeguarding and Quality Service, Scott House, Box SCO2116, 5 George Street, Huntingdon PE29 3AD.

For all social care complaints, you can raise your concerns with a social care representative.

#### What if I need help to provide my comments?

If you need assistance in providing feedback, call **0345 045 5202**. If you would prefer to discuss this in person, you can also be supported to provide feedback at the council's main office receptions, or in a library where staff can support you in completing the online form.

#### What happens when I provide feedback?

Cambridgeshire County Council will let you know that it has received your feedback. If you do this online, the council will let you know immediately, otherwise it will acknowledge your feedback within three working days. Once the council has received your comments, it will review them and determine whether your feedback is a complaint, compliment, suggestion, or representation. The council will then let you know details of the respective process.

If your feedback is about a service that is being funded by or arranged by the council, the usual first step is to speak to the manager of the service. You may find that asking for a chance to speak to them informally about your concerns is enough to resolve the matter, or you could put your concerns into a letter if you prefer.

If the problem hasn't been resolved by raising it with the care provider, contact your local council. Find out more about giving feedback at **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'Adult social care complaints').

If the service is registered and regulated by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) you can also share your experiences with them. Email enquiries@ cqc.org.uk, visit www.cqc.org.uk/share-yourexperience-finder or call 0300 061 6161.

If you remain dissatisfied with the council's final response to your complaint, ask the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) to look at your complaint. Visit www.lgo.org.uk/how-to-complain, call 0300 061 0614 or write to PO Box 4471, Coventry CV4 0EH.

## Healthwatch Cambridgeshire

Your local health and social care champion. If you use GPs and hospitals, dentists, pharmacies, care homes, or other support services in your area, Healthwatch wants to hear about your experiences. Healthwatch is independent and has the power to make sure NHS leaders and other decision makers listen to local feedback and improve standards of care.

Where possible, Healthwatch will let you know when changes are planned to services in your community and help you have a say. It will also encourage those in charge of local care services to involve you when changes are being planned to services. Healthwatch can also help you to find reliable and trustworthy information and advice.

#### Email:

enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk Web: www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk Tel: 0330 355 1285 • Text: 07520 635176 Write to: Healthwatch Cambridgeshire, The Maple Centre, 6 Oak Drive, Huntingdon PE29 7HN

# **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Partnership Boards**

Providing people with experience of using Adult Social Care services a say on current and future care. Each Partnership Board is made up of:

- Service user representatives called Independent Members.
- Voluntary sector service providers.
- Statutory services such as health and social care.

Healthwatch organises the board meetings and provides support and training to the Independent Members to help them in their roles. See above for contact details.



# Worried about someone or yourself – safeguarding adults

Anyone can be vulnerable to abuse, neglect, or self-neglect at some point in their life. Some adults with care and support needs are less able to protect themselves against abuse or neglect, and some have difficulty making their wishes and feelings known. The council call these 'adults at risk'.

For someone to be considered an 'adult at risk' there are three things that all need to apply:

- The person has care and support needs, whether or not these are being met.
- The person is experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing, abuse or neglect.
- As a result of their needs, they are unable to protect themselves from this.

Abuse can take place anywhere, including at home, in a care home, or in the wider community. The harm may be caused by anyone, or someone else with care and support needs, and it may be deliberate or unintentional. If you've been affected by abuse; you might feel scared and helpless. It's important to know that there are people you can turn to for help and there are things you can do to protect yourself.

Whatever the circumstances, it is important that you raise your concerns with the council. If you are raising concerns about someone else, it's helpful for the council if you can let the person know that you are planning on doing so. Ideally, you will gain their consent. However, this isn't always possible and it's important that you still raise your concerns with the council.

### Types of abuse

There are different types of abuse that you or someone that you know could be experiencing:

- Physical: such as someone hitting, slapping, pushing, or kicking you.
- Sexual: this includes any type of sexual behaviour that you don't want or cannot consent to.
- Psychological: such as bullying, threatening to leave you on your own, or threats to put you in a care home, or denying you access to your friends.
- Financial: such as taking or spending your money without your permission.
- Neglect or self-neglect: such as not being given or eating enough food, not being given or taking medication, or not allowing access to care workers.
- Discriminatory: any behaviour that is based on being different such as exclusion from an activity due to a hearing impairment, because of your ethnicity, or because of the language you speak.
- Domestic abuse: this is any form of unacceptable personal abuse committed by a partner, ex-partner, or a family member.
- Organisational: such as your care provider or other organisations treating you badly, neglecting you, or providing a poor service.
- Modern slavery: such as being forced to work by people who abuse you or are cruel to you.

#### Tip

If you or someone else you know is in immediate danger or needs urgent medical treatment, contact the police and/or call an ambulance on **999**.

If you are worried that either you or someone that you know is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse, and there is no immediate danger:

- Tell someone you trust today this may be a family member, friend, neighbour, or GP.
- Call the police on **101** if you think they need to be involved.

If you are concerned that you, or an adult you know is at risk of experiencing abuse or neglect, contact the council as follows.

#### Email:

**referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk** Tel: **0345 045 5202** (9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday).

If it is outside of office hours and someone is in danger and unable to protect themselves, or cannot remain in the community without immediate intervention, call **01733 234724**. It does not matter whether you are able to identify an actual abuser. Visit **www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk/adults** and search 'report abuse' for more information.

### How the council can help

The council will provide information and offer practical advice to you, or the person suffering abuse, so that you can make an informed choice about any help that might be needed, or any action you may wish to take.

If the person being abused, or at risk of being abused, is unable to make an informed choice themselves, care will be taken to support and protect them. What happens next will depend on the wishes of the person being abused and the seriousness of the situation. If they are in physical danger, or at risk of serious neglect, ensuring their safety will be the most important thing to do.

# What to expect after you have submitted a referral?

You should receive feedback to confirm that your referral has been received and is being looked at. Any feedback would need to take account of data protection rules so the person who contacts you may not be able to share any information with you unless the person who the referral is about agrees.

# End of life care

Talking about the future and dying can be difficult, but it is important that you and your family, friends, and carers discuss your wishes as you near the end of your life.

More people are starting to make 'end of life plans' to make it easier for others to support and carry out their wishes when the time comes. This could include where you want to die, what treatment you would want, any cultural or religious requirements, and planning for your funeral. You might want to consider taking out a funeral plan to ensure that costs for your funeral are covered.

End of life care should help you live as well as possible until you die, and to die with dignity. Planning for your needs should mean that, if you wish to, you can remain in your own home or care home and not have to be admitted to hospital. Wherever you are being cared for, as you approach the end of your life you are entitled to a high quality of care.

#### **Advance Decisions**

This allows you to write down any treatments that you don't want to have in the future in case you later become unable to make or communicate decisions for yourself. It will only be used if you can't make or communicate a decision for yourself. The legal name is an Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment, and it's also sometimes called a Living Will or an Advance Directive.

Advance Decisions are legally binding in England and Wales, if they meet certain requirements. This means that if a healthcare professional knows you've made an Advance Decision, they must follow it. If they ignore an Advance Decision, then they could be taken to court. Visit **www.compassionindying.org.uk** (search 'Planning ahead').

#### Preferred Priorities for Care (PPC)

This can help you prepare for the future. It gives you an opportunity to think about, talk about, and write down your preferences and priorities for care at the end of your life. You do not need to do this unless you want to.

The PPC can help you and your carers (your family, friends, and professionals) to understand what is important to you when planning your care. If a time comes when, for whatever reason, you are unable to decide for yourself, anyone who must make decisions about your care on your behalf will have to action anything you have written in your PPC. The PPC is not meant to be used for legally binding refusals of specific medical treatments in advance.

#### For an example of the PPC document, visit www.nhs.uk/Planners/end-of-life-care/ Documents/Preferred\_Priorities\_for\_Care.pdf

If you are being cared for at home or in a care home, your GP has overall responsibility for your care. The people providing your care should ask you about your wishes and preferences and take these into account as they work with you, your family, and your GP to plan your end of life care.

There are several useful websites and publications providing information about planning ahead and end of life care. Visit **www.nhs.uk** or **www. cambridgeshire.gov.uk** (search 'End of life care').

### **Palliative Care Hub**

This is a free telephone service for anyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough who needs specialist palliative care advice or support. It is available to patients, family, friends, carers, GPs, and other health care professionals. Anyone who has been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness can access the service.

The hub can give advice and support where able, signpost to appropriate services, transfer you to another healthcare professional that can better help you, or complete necessary referrals to other services.

Call **111** (select option three).

# Housing options

Finding the right support or accommodation is key to helping you remain independent and confident in your wellbeing and security. Visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/adults** (select 'Staying independent') or see page 20 of this Guide.

#### Tip

Use your action plan on page 6 to help you decide what you could do to stay safe, well, and independent at home for longer.

If you feel that you would benefit from being closer to family and friends or have easier access to services such as your local doctor, library, and shop, there are several housing options available that might meet your needs and help you to remain living independently at home for as long as possible.

Your district council's housing advice service can give you more information on housing in your area and what you might need to do to apply for social housing. The service will be able to assist if you are being asked to leave the home you are living in or think you might be at risk of becoming homeless.

#### **Cambridge City Council**

Email: housing.advice@cambridge.gov.uk Tel: 01223 457000

#### East Cambridgeshire District Council – Housing Advice Service

Email: housingservices@eastcambs.gov.uk Tel: 01353 665555

#### **Fenland District Council**

Email: housingadvice@fenland.gov.uk Tel: 01354 654321

#### Huntingdonshire District Council

Email: housingadvice@huntingdonshire.gov.uk Tel: 01480 388218

# South Cambridgeshire District Council

Web:

www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/housing-advice Tel: 01954 713000

Housing advice is also available from the following independent organisations.

#### Shelter

Web: **england.shelter.org.uk** Tel: **0808 800 4444** (emergency advice helpline).

#### **Citizens Advice**

Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing

### **Supported Living**

This can support people with a wide range of needs such as learning disabilities, autism, mental health conditions, and physical disabilities.

Supported Living services can vary between

homes that are shared by more than one person with similar needs. This is usually between two to four people although some schemes are bigger. The kitchen, living area, and garden will usually be shared.

### **Sheltered Housing**

If you are feeling isolated in your current home or need some additional support on a long-term basis, Sheltered Housing may suit your needs.

In Sheltered Housing you have your own home, and usually you will also have access to an alarm that will allow you to call for help if needed. You may also have access to visiting support staff if you need some extra help.

Accommodation is self-contained, and most schemes have a communal lounge, laundry room, and a garden. Many schemes run social events that are usually organised and run by residents living in the scheme.

### **Independent Housing with Care**

Also known as Extra Care Housing, this is specially designed to enable older people to live independently. Like Sheltered Housing, you have your own self-contained flat with your own front door, but also have the reassurance of knowing that there is a care team on site 24 hours a day to meet your personal care needs and to respond to emergency calls, providing you and your family with peace of mind.

Extra Care Housing can be rented, owned outright, or shared ownership (part-owned and part-rented). Many people choose Extra Care Housing as an alternative to a residential care home because it provides a greater independence and flexibility to have family and friends to visit and stay.

#### **Older People's Visiting Support Service**

This service can provide short-term support to any older person in Cambridgeshire, including people living in Sheltered Housing.

The aim of the service is to support people to continue to live as independently as possible by helping them with things such as benefits, home

adaptations, applying for grants, and contacting other services that may be of help to them.

#### Cambridge City Council

Email: independent.living@cambridge.gov.uk Web: www.cambridge.gov.uk/visiting-supportservice Tel: 01223 457199

#### P3 – East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, and Huntingdonshire

Email: cpfss@p3charity.org Web: www.p3charity.org/services/ cambridgeshire-floating-support-service-Tel: 0808 169 8099

#### South Cambridgeshire District Council

Email: visitingsupport@scambs.gov.uk Web: www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/supportedand-older-people-services/visiting-supportservice

Tel: 01954 713000

For more information about national housing options, visit **www.hoop.eac.org.uk** 

# **Cambridgeshire Shared Lives**

A regulated service where an adult who has support and/or accommodation needs moves in with, or regularly visits a local individual, couple, or family, who has been trained and approved to be a Shared Lives carer.

Shared Lives enables a wide range of people who need support to live independent lives and have

their health and wellbeing promoted and can reduce the need for admission to hospital or residential care.

Email: cambridgeshiresharedlives@ cambridgeshire.gov.uk Web: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk (search 'Shared Lives'). Tel: 01354 750084

# **Cambridgeshire Outreach Service**

Individualised support in your home and local community. The service works with you to develop your independence and community connections. This might include support to maintain your living environment, manage bills and correspondence, complete daily tasks, attend health appointments, access educational or health and fitness activities, or source work or volunteering opportunities. Email: cambridgeshireoutreachservice@ cambridgeshire.gov.uk



# Personal care in your own home

If you need support with your personal care, such as washing yourself or getting dressed, you can employ a care worker to help you. The length of visits will depend on the support that you need. The hourly rate charged for services depends on what help is required, the time of day, and location.

### Live-in care

If you require a lot of help with your personal care, you may want to consider having a support worker who lives in your home, or 24-hour live-in care on a short-term basis. This will enable anyone who might support you informally to take a break.

Charges for live-in care depend on the amount of care and the skills and support required. When choosing your care worker, you can choose your own personal assistant, or you can use an agency. Before you make any decisions, you should contact home care providers and personal assistants to ask what they provide, their charges, and get a draft contract between you and them.

#### Tip

Some care workers may also help you with cleaning, shopping, and cooking. Before you choose who to use, ask them what they can and can't do. You can use the checklist on page 33 to help you choose a care worker.

#### People Plus Independent Living Services – Cambridgeshire

An experienced support and guidance provider to help people have choice and control over their care and support packages. People Plus can support with:

- Information about Direct Payments.
- Recruiting and employing a personal assistant.
- Identifying a suitable support provider.
- Planning for emergencies.
- Access to peer support in local community.

Email: ilscambridgeshire@peopleplus.co.uk Web: www.peopleplus.co.uk/health-socialcare-support Tel: 0330 123 2815

### Inspecting and regulating home care services

All registered providers of home care must be regulated and inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). All services are awarded quality rating reports. The ratings mean you can easily see where a service is performing well, and where it needs to improve.

#### Tip

It's always a good idea to check inspection reports and ratings when choosing a care service. You can find reports and ratings on the **CQC's** website at **www.cqc.org.uk** 

For home care arranged by Cambridgeshire County Council, the agencies used are accredited to work for the council. It will let you know how much the care you need will cost you. If you are unable to afford this, the council may be able to contribute towards the cost. To find out more about support Cambridgeshire County Council can provide, see page 52. For more information about care at home, visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults** 



# Care homes

Moving into a care home is a major commitment – it involves changing where you live and potentially paying a lot of money for your ongoing accommodation and care needs.

#### Tip

Before you think about moving into a care home, consider other less disruptive, and potentially less costly options such as equipment, adaptations, or personal care support.

Consider whether you really need the amount of care available at a care home and look at

alternative accommodation such as Extra Care Housing schemes or Supported Living. These offer independence with an increased level of care and support.

If no other accommodation options are suitable for you, a care home may be the way to meet your needs.

Residential and nursing care homes are where a number of people live together, supported by care staff, who are available 24 hours a day. Care homes cater for older people, and for younger adults with disabilities.

# Inspecting and regulating residential care services

All care homes must be registered and inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), who award quality rating reports. The ratings mean you can easily see where a service is performing well, and where it needs to improve.

#### Tip

It's always a good idea to check inspection reports and ratings when choosing a care service. You can find reports and ratings on the CQC's website at **www.cqc.org.uk** 

When considering potential care homes, use the checklist on page 63 and for homes

#### providing care for people with dementia, use the checklist on page 61. Care homes may be privately owned or run by charities or councils. To be eligible for a care home placement arranged by the council, you will need to have a care and support assessment and must have a care and support need that cannot be met through alternative options.

The council will let you know how much the care home will cost you, and, if you are unable to afford this, the council may be able to contribute towards the cost. To find out more about the support the council can provide, see page 52.

# Types of care home

#### **Residential care homes**

For people who can't continue to live at home, even with additional support, or changes to their home. If you are unable to receive the support you need at home, you may want to consider a residential care home. A residential care home helps you with personal care, including eating, washing, going to the toilet, and dressing. These homes do not offer nursing support.

#### Care homes with nursing

Provide the same personal care as residential care homes, but they also provide 24-hour nursing care

by trained nursing staff. Before entering a nursing home, you will need to be assessed to ensure that your needs will be best met within a nursing home. If the person requiring care has a diagnosis of dementia, you will need to make sure that the home is able to meet these needs.



# Choosing care and support

# Residential dementia care checklist

Home 1	Fees per week	Quality rating*
Home 2	£	
Home 3	£	

We suggest that you take paper with you when visiting care homes so that you can make notes. Please use this checklist in conjunction with the care homes checklist on page 63. You can download and print this checklist at www.carechoices.co.uk/checklists

#### Design

Are there clear signs throughout the home?

Has the home been designed or adap

ted for people with dementia

Are the home and grounds secure?

Are there prompts outside	the
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residents' rooms to help people identify
their own?

Is the décor familiar to your loved one?

### **Choices**

Do residents get a choice in terms of what they wear each day?	
Are residents encouraged to be independent?	
Can residents decide what to do each day?	
Can residents have a say in the décor of their room?	

### **Activities**

Are residents able to join in with
household tasks like folding washing?

Are there activities on each day?

Can residents wa	ilk around	outsic	le on
their own?			

Are residents sitting in front of the TV or are they active and engaged?

Are there rummage boxes around?

\*See page 60.

#### Health

Can residents get help with eating and drinking?

How often does the home review residents' medication?

Does the home offer help if a resident needs assistance taking medication?

Do GPs visit the home regularly?

#### Staff

Are staff trained to identify when a resident might be unwell?

Are staff trained to spot when someone needs to go to the toilet?

Do the staff have any dementia-specific training/experience?

Will your loved one have a member of staff specifically responsible for their care?

### **Approach to care**

Does the home follow a specific approach to dementia therapy, for example, validation therapy? Will the home keep you informed about changes to your loved one's care? Does the home have a specific approach to end of life care? Does the home keep up to date with best pract

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# Care homes checklist

Home 1	Fees per week	Quality rating*
Home 2	£	
	£	
Home 3	£	

We suggest that you take paper with you when visiting care homes so that you can make notes. You can download and print this checklist at **www.carechoices.co.uk/checklists** 

#### Staff

What is the minimum number of	
staff that are available at any time?	
Are staff respectful, friendly and polite?	
Do staff have formal training?	
Are the staff engaging with residents?	

### Activities

Can you get involved in activities you enjoy?	
Is there an activities co-ordinator?	
Does the home organise any outings?	
Are residents escorted to appointments?	
Do the residents seem entertained?	
Does the home have a varied activities schedule?	

#### Life in the home

Is the home adapted to suit your needs?	

Can you bring your own furniture?

Are there enough plug sockets in the rooms?

Are there restrictions on going out?

Is there public transport nearby?

Does the home provide any transport?

Can you make/receive calls privately?

Can you decide when to get up and go to bed?

Does the home allow pets?

Does the home use Digital Care Planning accessible to families?

#### Personal preferences

Is the home too hot/cold? Can you control the heating in your room?

Is the décor to your taste?

Are there restricted visiting hours?

Is there somewhere you can go to be alone?

Does the home feel welcoming?

#### Catering

Can the home cater for any dietary requirements you may have?

Does the menu change regularly?

Can you eat when you like, even at night?

Can you have food in your room?

Is there a choice of food at mealtimes?

Is alcohol available/allowed if you want it?

Can visitors join you for meals?

#### Fees

Do your fees cover all of the services and activities?

Are fees likely to change regularly?

Is the notice period for cancellation of the contract reasonable?

Could you have a trial period?

Can you keep your room if you go into hospital?

Can you handle your own money?

#### \*See page 60.



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For information on local services and support, go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory

#### These lists were correct at the time of publication. For up-to-date information, check the CQC's website at www.cqc.org.uk

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