Enquiry about Hidden Carer’s

In each authority there is someone who takes the lead in supporting unpaid carers and each GP surgery within Gwent has an allocated Carers Champion. Councillor Graham Berry is the Carers Champion for Newport City Council.

There is a monthly carers information e-bulletin (to those who have signed up to the NCC Carers Network); via their webpage; on social media and through social care colleagues who work directly with unpaid carers. Within the team, they hold regular informal meetings for unpaid carers and events during Carers Week and on Carers Rights Day, when it is safe to do so.

Their aim is to reach as many unpaid carers as possible via social media and to encourage colleagues to discuss potential caring responsibilities as a matter of course when engaging with members of the public. They appreciate that not all members of the community have access to social media or will contact them for help, so information is regularly shared with GP champions to extend their reach. GP practices will also refer unpaid carers to the Local Authority when appropriate. When safe to do so, the Community Connector team will resume their community presence, which will further support outreach work for hidden carers.

They have a variety of ways to support unpaid carers, which can be viewed on [www.newport.gov.uk/carers](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newport.gov.uk%2Fcarers&data=04%7C01%7CPamela.Tasker%40newport.gov.uk%7C5e58e43c3af54e9d884b08d945dcccf7%7C2c4d0079c52c4bb3b3cad8eaf1b6b7d5%7C0%7C0%7C637617636889688000%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KBiUtRs1gSumMMNrCOppvFkYXwdnSZruL9%2BCQrY7T1E%3D&reserved=0). Unpaid carers can also contact them on that page for further information and/or a carers assessment.