

Swindon Carers Centre holds Carers Rights Day event



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Each year Carers Rights Day brings organisations together to help carers know their rights and find out how to get the help and support they are entitled to. This year's national theme is “**Looking after someone? Know your rights**” and will focus on:

- **Making carers aware of their rights:** Every year across the country more than 2 million people become carers. Many struggle to navigate the maze of services and entitlements, and miss out on financial and practical support. And it's not just people who are new to caring – even those who have been caring for years sometimes aren't aware of their entitlements.
- **Letting carers know where to get help and support:** Caring can present all kinds of challenges. We want every carer to know where to turn for advice, information and support, whether in their local community or online.
- **Raising awareness of the needs of carers:** Carers Rights Day raises awareness of the needs of carers with the public, decision makers and professionals, helping us realise our vision of a society that respects, values and supports carers.

Swindon Carers Centre's event this year is at Citifaith Church in Swindon on Friday 28th November. It will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm and will include presentations from Swindon Carers Centre's CEO Cath Johnston; Janine Thomas from the Department of Work and Pensions; Andy Stevens from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) and Sue Wald from SBC on the Care Act.

There will also be two workshops discussing GPs and Hospital Discharge. Robert Buckland MP will then facilitate a Question and Answer session with a panel including the guest speakers and other partners. SCC's AGM will follow lunch.

To book a place contact Sandra Chapman on 01793 531133 or email sandra.chapman@swindoncarers.org.uk.

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More follows...

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Notes to editors

- Swindon Carers Centre is part of the national network of the Carers Trust
- SCC offers help and support to people in Swindon who have caring responsibilities
- There are approximately 19,500 carers of all ages (including children and young people) in the Borough of Swindon and Swindon Carers Centre is available to provide them with much needed support, help and information

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