# Gateshead Cares

#### **Annual Report 2023**









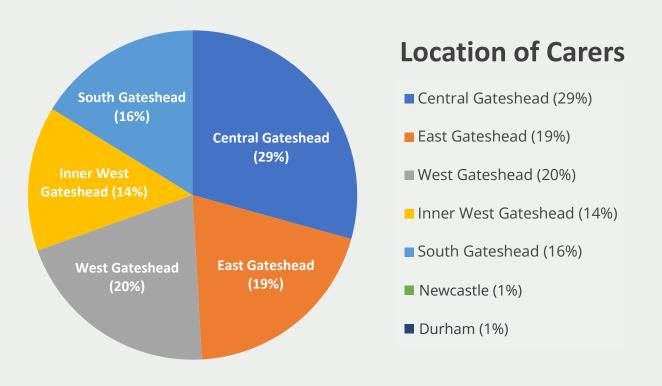
# OUR YEAR OF SUPPORT IN NUMBERS

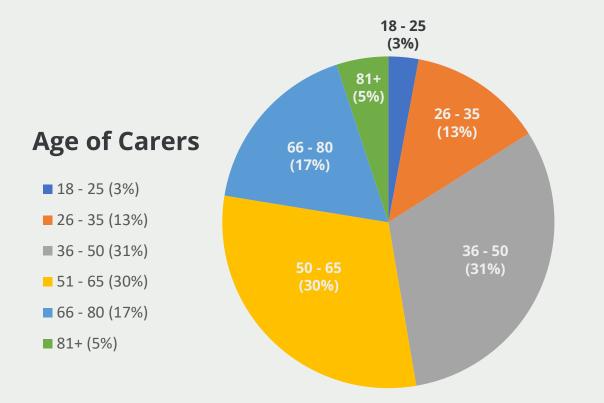
2023 has been yet another busy year for Gateshead Carers. Below you can find more information on the amount of support we've provided to unpaid carers across the borough.

- 567 Carers accessed support for the first time
- 1480 Carers accessed 1-2-1 support
- 2435 Individual pieces of support work carried out
- **82** Carer groups and activity sessions
- 18 BAME language communities supported
- **11** Caldew House holiday home breaks
- 229 Carers referred for a hotel break via CareFree
- 715 Carer Wellbeing Fund grants provided to carers
- £610,795 Benefits achieved for carers
- £16,035 Grant funding achieved for carers

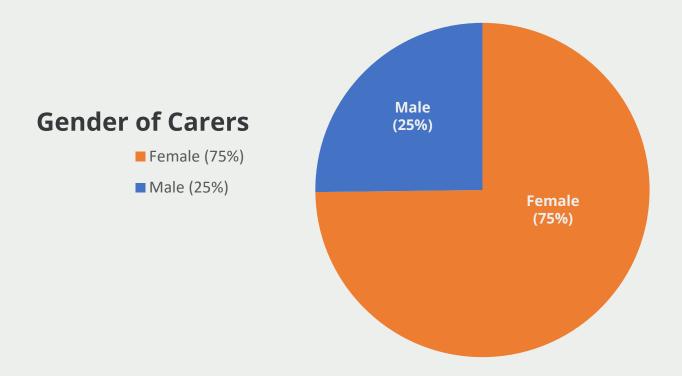


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#### THE PEOPLE BEING CARED FOR

8 most common conditions or disabilities of the cared for person in 2023;

- 1. Long Standing Illness (HIV, Cancer, MS, Parkinsons, etc.)
- 2. Mental Health Condition (Depression, Schizophrenia, etc.)
- 3. Social / Communication Impairment (Autism, etc.)
- 4. Specific Learning Difficulty (ADHD, Dyspraxia, etc.)
- 5. Physical Impairment / Mobility Issues
- 6. Substance Misuse (Drugs, Alcohol, etc.)
- 7. Learning Disability
- 8. Sensory Impairment (Blind, Deaf, Vision Impairment, etc.)



# OUR IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF CARERS

After coming to us for support, carers reported that their...

Mental health has improved by 47%.

Self-confident had increased by 42%.

Ability to cope with the demands of their caring role had improved by 34%.

Confidence in accessing short breaks has increased by 65%.

Debt managment skills had improved by 61%.

Coping mechanisms to manage excessive caring roles had improved by 57%.

Ability to achieve their personal goals as increased by 45%.

Healthy eating habits has improved by 30%.

Amount of physical exercise had increased by 32%.

Feelings of social isolation have reduced by 35%.

Smoking and alcohol usage reduced by 43%.

Ability to access education and training had improved by 32%.

## OUR DIGITAL IMPACT IN 2023

933 "Care to Know" Newsletter subscribers signed up

48,000 Website page views

12,000 Individual website users

19,000 People reached on social media (all platforms)

331 Online external referrals

**356** Online self referrals

100 Individual live chat cases

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