

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Gateshead Adult Carers Survey Report 2020
A Focus on Health and Social Care Services



GP Surgeries

74% have never been asked by their GP or other staff at their surgery if they are a carer.

Of the 26% asked, **a female (27%) is close to 3 times more likely to be asked if they are caring for someone than a male (11%)**

Carer Assessments

Of the small minority (5%) who have had a Carer Assessment 33% of respondents only waited 1-4 weeks for a Carer Assessment a further, 33% waited for over 1 year.

Male unpaid carers (**55%**) were more likely to get a Carer Assessment within 6 months than female unpaid carers (**46%**).

Emergency Support

71% of carers are not aware of the Emergency Support Service (up from **68%** in 2017).

Of the **29%** who are aware of the scheme there is a significant difference in awareness with **37%** of males aware of it compared to **22%** females.

Planning

61% do not have plans in place for the person they care for if they should fall ill or are unable to continue to provide care (64% in 2017).

36% of carers said the person they care for had a needs assessment within the last 12 months (43% in 2017).

In 2017, those stating that a needs assessment last took place over 4 years ago was 10% - this has nearly doubled to 19% in 2020.

Carers Report Reductions in Social Care Services

This chart shows the percentage of carers who have reported a reduction in specific social care services.

Service	2017	2020
Social Worker Support	13.5%	30%
Respite	10%	30%
Day Care Services	5%	27%
Health Services Support	10%	25%
Motability	3%	21%
Care Assistance	5%	19%



Take Action Together

Caring is everybody's business! Is this the life you or your partner, parents, children, siblings, and friends want to have?

What can you or your organisation do to support unpaid carers?

How can Gateshead Carers help you? Contact us now to find out how we can make a difference together, call us on 0191 4900121 or Email enquiries@gatesheadcarers.com

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