

The **2001 census** identified **73,000** unpaid carers in Devon, providing support to people with long-term illness, disability or frailty.

**15,000** carers provide 50, or more, hours of care each week. Without this support from carers, the health and care system in Devon would collapse overnight.



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## Assessments of Carers needs

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All carers have a right to an assessment of their own needs. This can be as:

- ◆ part of the assessment of need of the person you care for, or as
- ◆ a separate carers assessment.

### For further information contact:

- ◆ **Your local Carers Link,**
- ◆ **The professional/keyworker supporting the person you care for,**
- ◆ **Adult & Community Services:**  
Tel. 0800 444000
- ◆ **Children & Young People's Services:**

North Devon	Tel. 01271 388660
Mid Devon	Tel. 01392 384157
Exeter/East Devon	Tel. 01392 384444
Teignbridge	Tel. 01392 384900
West Devon	Tel. 01392 386748
South Hams	Tel. 01392 869300

If you help to look after a family member or a friend on a regular basis...

# You are a CARER



**Further copies from:** The Local Carers Link (addresses overleaf).

**Comments on this leaflet:** Please contact the Head of Public Information & Communication, Email: paul.giblin@devon.gov.uk (address above).

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**Carers in Devon** is a partnership between statutory and voluntary organisations supporting carers in the county.

This leaflet contains information about:

- ◆ Support from your local Carers Link
- ◆ Your right to an assessment of your needs



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# Join your local Carers Link

## - support for carers

There are six local **Carers Links**, run by voluntary organisations supported by Health and Social Services. Any carer can join, whatever their age or the age or needs of the person cared for.

Becoming a member of your local **Carers Link** can provide you with:

- ◆ free carers information packs
- ◆ free benefits checks
- ◆ free quarterly *Devon Link* magazine
- ◆ access to 'Take a Break' services
- ◆ information/access to your local young carers project
- ◆ training opportunities
- ◆ carers newsletters
- ◆ support groups
- ◆ assistance to attend your local Carers Forum
- ◆ emergency response cards
- ◆ contact details for social or health care.



### If you would like to join your local Carers Link, contact:

#### East Devon Carers Link

East Devon Volunteer Support Agency  
Northcote Lane, HONITON EX14 1NH  
Tel. 01404 44411  
Email: carers@edvsa.org.uk

#### Exeter Carers Link

Exeter Council of Voluntary Service  
FREEPOST (SWB 30804)  
EXETER EX4 6ZZ  
Tel. 01392 202055  
Email: lynsey.self@exetercvs.org.uk

#### Mid Devon Carers Link

UNITE  
2 Bridge Street, TIVERTON EX16 5LY  
Tel. 01884 257511  
Email: info@unitemd.org.uk

#### North Devon Carers Link

The Castle Centre, 25 Castle Street,  
BARNSTAPLE EX31 1DR  
Tel. 01271 372811  
Email: ndevoncarerslink@hotmail.com

#### South Hams & West Devon Carers Link

South Devon Carers Consortium  
Totnes Community Hospital, Coronation Road,  
TOTNES TQ9 5GH  
Tel. 01803 862622  
Email: carerslink@eurobell.co.uk

#### Teignbridge Carers Link

Westbank League of Friends  
FREEPOST (SWB 30899)  
EXETER EX6 8ZZ  
Tel. 01392 824752  
Email: r.whitehurst@westbankfriends.org

Please send me further information about my local Carers Link

My name: .....

My address: .....

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My telephone number: .....

Please tick if you are under 18 years of age.

Please send this contact slip to your local Carers Link, addresses opposite.