





## **Support for Unpaid Carers**

## 3 in 5 of us become Carers at some point in our life

There are currently over 7 million carers in the UK

Whether you have just become a carer, or you have been supporting someone for a while, going into hospital can be a stressful and worrying time for everyone.

Often unpaid and/or family carers begin their caring role for the first-time after the person they care for has been taken into hospital.

Knowing who to talk to or where to begin looking for support can be very daunting and overwhelming.

## As a Hospital Carer Support practitioner my role is to provide:

- Discharge support
- Share relevant information
- Emotional support
- Signposting you to other organisations who can support you
- Face to face meetings and assessments
- Link in with the ward staff, therapists or social work teams
- Referral to Shropshire Carers support team for ongoing support
- Emergency planning

You can be reassured that as a Carer you have access to full support throughout the entire hospital discharge process.

If you would like to chat with someone about your caring role



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I would be happy to talk over the phone or meet up face to face at the hospital.





