

New guide to care and support in Derbyshire - a crucial time for information

A new, updated Derbyshire Care Services Directory has been published today in association with Derbyshire County Council. It gives readers crucial information on how to access, and pay for, care services throughout Derbyshire.

You may have seen there's a huge amount in the media at the moment about the crisis in social care. If you're growing concerned about your care options, or just want some more information on what your choices may be, this directory can help. With information to help you understand your options, where to go for advice and how the paying for care system works, the Derbyshire Care Services Directory can support you to make informed decisions.

The new edition of Derbyshire Care Services Directory and accompanying website give information on all aspects of arranging care and support in Derbyshire. It includes how to stay independent for as long as possible, the different care and support options available and what to look for when choosing a care provider. It also offers guidance on important issues such as paying for care and what financial assistance may be available from the local authority. There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services throughout Derbyshire, plus checklists to help you ask the right questions when visiting services.

For a free copy of Derbyshire Care Services Directory contact Derbyshire County Council on 01629 533190. It is also available throughout the region from outlets including hospitals, GP surgeries, Age UK and the Alzheimer's Society. It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk and is available in spoken word.

Robert Chamberlain, Managing Director of the directory's publisher, Care Choices, commented: "This is an invaluable source of information for anyone considering short or long term care in Derbyshire, and contains vital information to help people decide what type of care and support is best for them.

“With the current crisis in social care, finding a care service for yourself or a loved one that meets their needs and is affordable can be a daunting and unfamiliar task. This new Derbyshire Care Services Directory has been compiled to help people understand the process and offer them reassurance at every step of their journey.”

Care Choices is the UK's largest independent publisher for social care and adults with additional needs. It is also the largest publisher of care directories for local authorities in England.

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Notes to editors:

Care Choices works alongside industry governing bodies, local authorities and providers to publish impartial guidance for individuals and their families. Care Choices provides unbiased, comprehensive information on choosing care and support.

Care Choices also publishes its directories online at www.carechoices.co.uk which contains a searchable database of all care providers in England.

Care Choices publishes leading social care magazine, Care Management Matters www.caremanagementmatters.co.uk, plus Care Select www.careselect.co.uk which offers readers an emotional and practical guide to choosing and paying for care.

Care Choices also arranges care sector events.

3rd Sector Care Awards www.3rdsectorcareawards.co.uk

CMM Insight www.caremanagementmatters.co.uk/events

The Transition Event www.myfamilyourneeds.co.uk/events/category/the-transition-event/list

BAPs Blogging Awards www.myfamilyourneeds.co.uk/baps

The listings of care providers contained in Care Choices' publications are supplied by the regulatory body, the Care Quality Commission.