

How can you or your team make a difference to people who look after a family member or friend?

Book onto a half-day session of Carer Awareness Training in your area

People who look after a family member or friend (known as informal carers), have been consulted nationally and have been asked what would make a difference and the response has been a unanimous "recognise and respect us".

Across Worcestershire it is estimated that there are 57,000 people looking after a member of their family or a friend and supporting them to continue to live in our community. This means that for every person that you come into contact with who has an illness or disability, it is likely that they rely on someone else for support of some kind.

Worcestershire County Council has been awarded funding from the Department of Health to deliver a half-day training to front line and key staff who may come into contact with carers. This is to help raise awareness of carers' issues and what professionals and organisations can do to help.

It is vitally important that organisations such as yourselves take half a day to participate in this valuable and engaging training. This will help you to signpost and advise carers and may ultimately help you in the delivery of your own support services.

Please book onto a course near you and pass this invite onto anyone else who wants to recognise and better support carers in our community.

We look forward to meeting you and your colleagues at one of the sessions listed below.

Rachel Fowler
Carers Unit Manager

**Please book onto a half-day training:
email carers@worcestershire.gov.uk
or call us on 01905 728824**

	Date	Time	Venue
Kidderminster	11th Feb	13.00-16.15	St Chads Church
Tenbury	23rd Feb	13.00-16.15	Tenbury Community Centre
Evesham/Pershore	16th March	09.15-12.30	Pershore College
Droitwich	24th March	09.15-12.30	Droitwich Library
Malvern	31st March	09.15-12.30	United Reform Church

