



# Family, Carers and Friends Charter

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## The review process

- A period of Extensive engagement with undertaken, with carers, family members, patients, staff and community carers organisations
- Leicester's Hospitals cover a diverse population, every effort was made to ensure feedback represented all communities.







### **Co-production process**

- The feedback received was shared with an expert panel, consisting of carers, carers organisations.
- Feedback gave a new perspective on the key issues for carers





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### Highlights from feedback and the panel

- The charter needs to be about carers
- Not all family members recognise themselves as a carer or wish to be called a carer
- The wording needs to be simple for all to understand
- The Trust needs to welcome carers not allow them





- Understand that you know the patient better than us
- Keep you informed about what is happening
- Involve you in decisions and care (with the patient's permission)
- Include you in ward rounds
- Support the patient while you take a break
- Talk to you about support available in hospital and in the community

Only one person by the bedside will be allowed outside of the visiting hours unless agreed with the nurse in charge

# New charter launched April 2019

Public facing version called "Do you look after someone"



To highlight to staff and aid Communication, there is a sign to go into the bed space.



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# Family Carers and Friends information leaflet

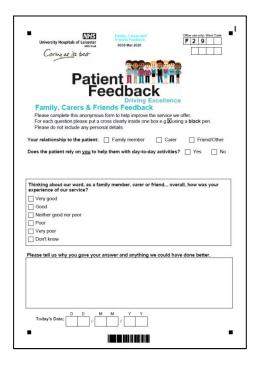
- Details about charter
- Buggy service
- Reduced car parking
- Support in the community
- Carers assessments



### Feedback



Feedback is collected from Family, Carers and Friends who come into Leicester's Hospitals January 2019 to December Average FFT score was 92% recommended





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The nurses put my husband at ease-explained things to him and made him laugh. He was worked up about things but they were patient with him.

The quality of care and the relationships formed with patients and families are outstanding. It would be impossible to find a more dedicated and professional team. Friendly staff makes the patient and family member feel welcome

The care and attention that has been taken throughout this process for my mum has been 100% professional and caring. I can't tank the staff and Sister Sophie Sheldon enough for making this so good for us.

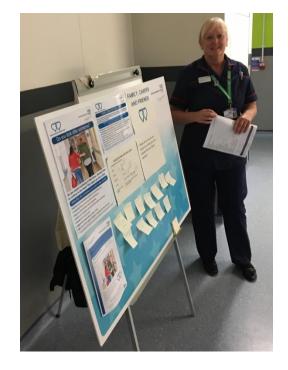
Mum has been extremely well cared for-we have been kept up to date with what's been happening and are very grateful. Mum is very complementary of the care she has received and she does not mince her words. All staff give good care and attention to there patients family members can sit with patients without feeling in the way. All the staff are very hardworking

The staff were professional and extremely friendly. They were approachable and able to answer any concerns that we as patients and spouse/carer had. The whole experience was a credit to the ward staff concerned

### **Further Engagement**



Wonderwall to collect feedback from family members and carers in the hospital about the charter and moving forward.



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### **Future plans**

- 15 step challenge looking at the clinical areas from a family members/carers point of view
- Family members and carers afternoon tea – to find out what is important to them



We recognise that coming into hospital can be a worying time, therefore we want to ensure that services for families and carers in our hospitals are developed with your involvement. Our meaningful activities team will be available to support anyone should they need it to enable you as a family member and/or carer to join the discussion and share views on what matters most.

If you would like to join us you can provisionally book your attendance before 20/03/20 by emailing PatientFeedbackMailbox⊛uhl-tr.nhs.uk or call 0116 258 5384.



## **Any Questions?**



