

Inclusion of unpaid carers in the publication of new COVID vaccination priority list

Advice which includes the priority of unpaid carers in the COVID-19 vaccination programme was published on 30 December 2020.

The advice recommends that carers who are in receipt of Carer's Allowance or are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer contracted COVID-19 should be included in Priority 6 alongside people with underlying conditions.

Action for Carers Oxfordshire are really pleased to hear about the addition, we know it will bring much needed relief to carers, many of whom have experienced the stress of providing a substantial amount of care alone to stay safe whilst worrying about themselves or the person they care for contracting the virus.

Free Carer ID letter

In August Action for Carers Oxfordshire and Oxfordshire County Council launched a free Carer ID letter across Oxfordshire to enable unpaid family carers to be recognised as a carer in the community and when dealing with healthcare professionals.

For more information on how to apply for the Carers I.D Letter please call our Carersline: 01235 424715 or email carersreferrals@carersoxfordshire.org.uk

To find out more about the advice read Carers UK Press release <https://bit.ly/3rXympp>