

# The Carers (Scotland) Bill



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# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Definition of a Carer



Removal of 'Regular  
and Substantial'

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## Adult Carer Support Plan



Name changed from  
carers assessment

Not reliant on cared-  
for person receiving a  
service

To take place in local  
authority of cared-for  
person

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## Adult Carer Support Plan



Regular review

Must include information on:

- Emergency Planning
- Future Planning

Timescales for carers looking after someone with a terminal illness

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## Information and Advice



Duty to ensure the establishment and maintenance of an information and advice service

Service to include carers who have been bereaved, following the death of the person they care for

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## Information and Advice



- Duty to provide carers with information on:
- Carers Rights Charter
  - Adult carers support
  - Services
  - Emergency and Future Planning

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## Breaks from caring



‘Must consider whether the support should take the form of or include a short break’

Must prepare and publish a short breaks services statement

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## Breaks from caring



‘Short breaks need to be provided on a ‘planned basis’

Local authorities must promote a wide range of breaks  
Must consider break’



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## Duty to Support Carers



Duty to support carers who meet eligibility criteria

Power to support carers in a preventative manner who do not meet eligibility criteria

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## Eligibility Criteria

**Local** with regard to **National** Matters



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## **Involving Carers in care planning for the person they care for**



Local authorities have a duty to take account of the views of carers when assessing the needs and planning the care of the person they care for

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## Involving Carers in Development of Services and local carer strategies



Local authorities  
Must involve carers  
in the development  
of services

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## Involving Carers in Development of Services and local carer strategies



Local Carers Strategies will be a **joint responsibility** and must include:

- Information on emergency planning
- Information on preventative support

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## Hospital Discharge



Carers must be informed and involved on the process of hospital discharge

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## Equal Opportunities



Carers who have protected characteristics under the Equalities Act must have their needs taken into account.

# Manifesto for Unpaid Carers in Scotland

I care about *having a* .....  
*regular break from caring*

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I care about *financial*.....  
*support for carers*.....

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I care about *having to* .....  
*juggle work and caring* .....

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1 in 5 carers give up work to care



I care for...

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I support them by helping them with...

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I care about...

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Who cares for...

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They support them by helping them with...

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My question to you and your party is...

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