

Carers

Cape – A New Service for Carers

One of the Hampshire carers' support organisations, Carers Together, is offering a new service from May 2008.

This new service offers planning and care services for carers in the event of emergencies and will be called **CAPE** (carers action planning for emergencies).

Carers Together has a team of staff who will be able to meet with local carers and look at what might need to happen in the event that they have an emergency situation and are not able to undertake their caring role at short notice. The service will also be able to support the provision of emergency replacement care in the short term.

This service is being tried out as a pilot for 15 months to establish the detail of local need and use.

The short term care service (up to 48 hours) will not be charged for as it is supported by a government grant. This grant is part of the 'New Deal for carers' announced by the government in February last year. It signalled improvements for carers in respite care, information and helpline services and started the review of the National Carers Strategy.

For a copy of their leaflet please see the Carers Appendix.

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