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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that the Government is currently consulting carers so that they can shape their strategy for the future. I have taken the liberty of copying and pasting directly from their consultation page, along with the relevant link. Please find both below:

## How can we improve support for carers?

### Overview

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Informal carers (also called unpaid carers) are people who look after family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long-term physical or mental ill health or disability, or care needs related to old age. This does not include any activities as part of paid employment.

Carers freely give their time and energy to support friends or family members and many rightly take pride in providing essential support for those close to them. Caring for others should not be to the detriment of the carer's own health and wellbeing and carers can receive support in a number of ways – including from social services, the NHS, or the benefit system.

We think that we need a new strategy for carers setting out how we can do more. One which reflects their lives now, the health and financial concerns they have, and gives them the support they need to live well whilst caring for a family member or friend.

To help us develop the strategy, we want to hear from carers, those who have someone care for them, business, social workers, NHS staff and other professionals that support carers.

**It's a simple question but it can have a lot of different answers – how can we improve support for carers?**

[Go straight to the survey](#)

Want to hear more...?

The link to complete the survey – also sent directly via Text to Parents  
<https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/carers/how-can-we-improve-support-for-carers/consultation/subpage.2016-03-08.6836342440/view>

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