

simplyhealth Caring Surgery Awards

Behind every sick patient is a family carer who also needs support from their GP

Application Form

simplyhealth and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers want to celebrate the work that GPs do to help patients who are family carers. We are talking about patients who unpaid help care for their partner, relative or friend because they cannot cope alone due to illness, disability, frailty or addiction.

Complete this form by 1st September 2006 to have a chance to WIN up to £2,000

Surgery name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Surgery e-mail address _____

Contact name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

1. Do you know how many carers you have in your surgery? YES / NO
How many have you identified in the last six months? _____
How many in total do you support? _____
2. Do you check known carers' physical and emotional health whenever a suitable opportunity arises? YES / NO
3. Do you ask carers if they know and would like details of the local carers support organisation? YES / NO
4. Are staff aware of the local carers support organisation and do they have the contact details to hand? YES / NO
5. Do you have leaflets, posters and/or information about the local carers support organisation posted in the surgery? YES / NO
6. Carers are entitled to ask social services for an assessment of their needs.
Do you ask carers whether or not they have had an assessment? YES / NO
7. Do you work in partnership with your social services agency? YES / NO
Please give details _____

8. Do you know your local Carers' Centre? What links do you have? YES / NO
Please supply details (how often, what does it involve etc) _____

9. Do you take carers' special needs into account in terms of the way you allocate appointments, your procedure for issuing prescriptions and your arrangements in the waiting room? YES / NO
Please supply details _____

10. When appropriate, do you ask patients who need care whether they have a carer and whether they would like a joint appointment to discuss their condition? YES / NO
11. If it is appropriate, do you give carers information about who they care for? YES / NO
(diagnosis, treatment, prognosis and medication details)
Please give details _____



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12. Do you share your methods of carers support within the Primary Care Trust and with any other organisations? YES / NO

13. Please outline below the benefits of supporting family carers in your surgery?
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

14. Are there any other initiatives that you run for carers that you would like to tell us about? YES / NO

Please add any details here that you feel may support your application. Remember that we are looking for surgeries that have altered their service provision to support patients who are carers more effectively.

(Please use extra paper and/or send in examples.)

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Winning surgeries will receive cash prizes to help continue their carers' support work and to thank staff. Three awards will be given out to GP surgeries: The gold award winner will receive £2,000, the silver award winner will receive £1,000 and the bronze award winner will receive £750. All you have to do is complete this application form in as much detail as possible. **Remember to include any supporting material, which you feel demonstrates how the surgery supports patients who are carers.**

simplyhealth Carers Choice Award

In addition to the above award, we also ask carers to join in. They can enter the Carers Choice Award by writing in to thank their GP for all the GREAT work that they do to support them! If you know any carers who may want to do this please ask them to write and tell us why they think their GP should win. Please ask them to include their name, address, telephone number and their GPs name, address and telephone number. The winning GP and nominating carer will receive £250 each. The GP will also receive a framed copy of the successful nomination letter and a certificate for the surgery.

The closing date for entries is 1st September 2006

Winners will be announced on the Trust's website www.carers.org in October.

Terms and conditions

- Addresses and contact details will be kept by The Princess Royal Trust for Carers and may be shared with simplyhealth. These will only be used by the organisations mentioned above and will not be passed on to any third parties. Please email gpawards@carers.org if you would like us not to contact you in the future.
- Employees of simplyhealth and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers are not eligible.
- Judging will be based on the applications submitted by a panel.
- Any illegible, incomplete or fraudulent entries will be disqualified.
- Winners will be required to take part in post event publicity without further remuneration.
- The Princess Royal Trust for Carers' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- All rules must apply, and infringement of one rule results in disqualification.

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Now send this form to simplyhealth Caring Surgery Award,
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