

Simplyhealth Caring Primary Care Trust Award 2008

Application form

Health and wellbeing group Simplyhealth and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers want to celebrate the work that Primary Care Trusts do to help GPs support unpaid family carers. Patients who, unpaid, help care for their partner, relative or friend because they cannot cope alone due to illness, disability, frailty or addiction. With Primary Healthcare teams often the first point of contact for unpaid carers and the first to identify them, the work done by Primary Care Trusts and surgeries is fundamental.

Primary Care Trust name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

Contact name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

1. When reorganising services (eg for the Darzi review) how have you taken the needs of carers into consideration?

2. Can you give concrete examples of where your policies have made a difference to the lives of carers?

3. How have your policies influenced the commissioning of new community services for carers?

4. Where have you championed the cause for carers in either primary or secondary care?

5. Who is your LHB lead for carers and what percentage of the practices in your PCT have they visited in the past year?

6. How have you worked collaboratively with local carers support agencies?

7. Do you have a carers' lead in the Primary Care Trust? Yes / No
8. Do you produce a local protocol for surgeries to identify carers and link them to support? Yes / No
9. Do you examine the numbers of carers that surgeries identify? Yes / No
10. How do you evaluate the support carers get from surgeries?

11. Do you encourage and reward surgeries to extend and improve services for carers? Yes / No

12. Do you involve carers' representatives as partners when planning local services? Yes / No

13. Do you work with the voluntary sector to support carers? Yes / No

14. Do you include carer awareness in staff or board training? Yes / No

15. Do you make sure the needs and services for young carers are included in strategies for children's services? Yes / No

16. How and where did you hear about the Simplyhealth Caring Awards?

17. Are there any other ways in which you support carers that you would like to tell us about?

Please continue on a separate sheet of paper and send in examples to show what you have done.

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers currently helps 310,000 carers, including 15,500 young carers, cope by giving information, support and advice through its network of carers' centres, young carers' services and interactive websites www.carers.org; www.carers.org/professionals; www.youngcarers.net.

Simplyhealth

Simplyhealth is a community of healthcare businesses that have joined together to help more people feel better. The Group specialises in healthcare schemes and services for individuals, families and companies, which range from cash plans, dental plans and private medical insurance, to health screening, occupational health and healthcare products.

Simplyhealth Primary Care Trust / Community Health Partnership / Local Health Board Awards

Due to the success of the Simplyhealth Primary Care Trust Award last year, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers and Simplyhealth has extended the Award by inviting Scottish Community Health Partnerships and Welsh Local Health Boards to enter for the first time ever. There will be one winner chosen from each sector.

Simplyhealth Caring Surgery Awards

Winning surgeries will get cash prizes to help them to continue their work in support of carers and to thank staff. Three Awards will be given out to GP surgeries: the Gold winner will receive £2,000, the Silver winner will receive £1,000 and the Bronze winner will receive £750.

Simplyhealth Carers' Choice Awards

As well as inviting surgeries to apply for an award, we also ask carers to join in. They can enter the Simplyhealth 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 give us their name, address and telephone number, and their GP's name, address and telephone number. The winning GP and nominating carer will each get £250. We'll also present the GP with a framed copy of the winning nomination letter, and a certificate for the surgery.

Terms and conditions

- The closing date for entries is 10 October 2008
- Winners will be informed and announced in November 2008
- A judging panel will assess all applications
- Illegible, incomplete or fraudulent entries will be disqualified
- Winners will be expected to take part in post event publicity
- 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

Simplyhealth Caring Awards are organised by: The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, Unit 14, Bourne Court, Southend Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 8HD. www.carers.org; Phone 0844 800 4361; Fax 0844 800 4362. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers is incorporated in Scotland as a non profit-making company limited by guarantee number 125046. Registered office: 30 George Street, Glasgow, G2 1LH. Charity number SC015975.

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