

PRESS RELEASE**27 November 2012****Emergency card offers peace of mind to Rushcliffe carers**

People caring for a relative or friend who lives in Rushcliffe are being urged to sign up to a carer's card which offers 24-hour support in the event of an emergency.

The appeal coincides with Carer's Rights Day this Friday (30 November)

The free card helps to ensure care can be provided on the carer's behalf on an emergency basis.

Currently, 334 carers have signed up to the Carer's Emergency Card scheme which is now solely managed by Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Council wants more people to sign up to the scheme to help protect those who receive care in the county.

An estimated 80,000 residents in Nottinghamshire are carers for loved ones and family members.

The card gives an emergency telephone number that anyone can call. Staff answering the call will take the appropriate action that has been agreed by the carer, including contacting family members or friends or arranging emergency help if needed.

Councillor Kevin Rostance, the Chairman of the County Council's Adult Social Care Committee, said: "Carers play a crucial role in supporting friends or relatives who cannot manage without this help.

"The emergency card offers extra assurance to a carer that if anything happens to them care will be provided to the person they care for.

"Anyone who cares for an adult family member or friend who depends on them because they are ill, disabled or frail should apply for a card."

To apply for the card contact the Council on 0300 500 80 80 or email enquiries@nottsc.gov.uk

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