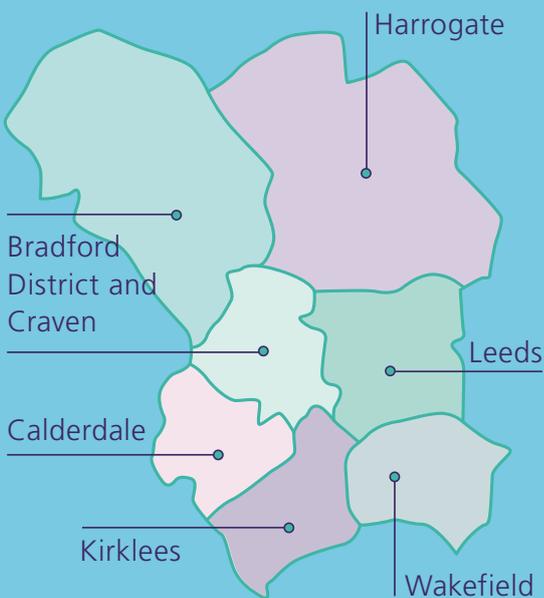


Telling our Partnership story



Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

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Support for unpaid carers

Our ambition

We want to better support the 260,000 unpaid carers (including young people) who care for a family member, neighbour or friend across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

The value of the care delivered by carers across our area is approx. £4.5 billion per year. For example this would mean the cost of care provided by one carer in Wakefield to the state would be approximately £19,000 per year.

Many carers struggle to cope with managing their caring responsibilities alongside work and/or other caring responsibilities. Evidence tells us that people who are carers can have poorer health than those who are not. We want to be an area where carers are identified, recognised, valued and supported.



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'At first we thought it was just old age, but David steadily declined', Judith said. 'He could still live a happy life with me at home and I cared for him.'

David's condition became worse and 16 weeks later he was admitted to the Dementia Assessment Unit at Bradford's Lynfield Mount Hospital. To Judith, who has been married to David for more than 50 years, it was very important to be able to regularly see her husband and not be restricted by visiting times. In August 2016 Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust launched John's Campaign, a national initiative which aims to give carers of people with dementia the right to stay with them in hospital, unrestricted by visiting hours, in the same way that parents can remain alongside their children.

What we are doing

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust; Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust; Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust and Airedale NHS Foundation Trust have signed up to the 'John's Campaign'. The aim of the campaign is to give the carers of those living with dementia the right to stay with them in hospital, in the same way that parents stay with their children.

What next?

We are investing £75,000 to support carers across West Yorkshire and Harrogate. This will be used to support some of the following work:

- Roll out of the carer's passport in hospitals
- Working closely with Employers for Carers and our NHS organisations to better support working carers
- Developing a project to encourage secondary school young carers into health and social care professions
- Working with GPs, care providers and nurses to identify more carers who may need support.

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