



# Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

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### PART 6

#### INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR CARERS

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- (1) Each local authority must establish and maintain, or ensure the establishment and maintenance of, an information and advice service for relevant carers.
- (2) The service must provide information and advice in particular about—
  - (a) carers' rights, including those set out in the carers' charter,
  - (b) income maximisation for carers,
  - (c) education and training for carers,
  - (d) advocacy for carers,
  - (e) health and wellbeing (including counselling) for carers,
  - (f) bereavement support services for carers following the death of a cared-for person,
  - (g) emergency care planning and future care planning for carers.
- (3) The information and advice must be accessible to, and proportionate to the needs of, the persons to whom it is provided.
- (4) In providing information and advice about the matters mentioned in subsection (2), the service must, in particular, identify information and advice likely to be of particular relevance to persons who have one or more protected characteristics (within the meaning of section 149(7) of the Equality Act 2010).
- (5) In this section "relevant carers" has the meaning given by section 31(5).