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# Prestwick Carers Day Evaluation

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# Summary

This report is a summary of feedback received from carers who attended the Prestwick Carers Day event on Friday 10th June 2022. The Carers Day event is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities in South Ayrshire. As a result of COVID-19 the event had not taken place in recent years, with this event marking the first since restrictions on public gatherings had been eased.

Attendees of the event were provided with an evaluation form which asked about their experience of the event and their experience as a carer. Numbers in attendance were not as high as previous years, in part due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, however, all carers who provided feedback were positive about the event and the pupils from Prestwick Academy who provided hospitality on the day.

Almost all carers who provided feedback were already registered with South Ayrshire Carers Centre, however, few had an Adult Carer Support Plan despite all providing a high level of support, including physical, emotional, financial, household, and personal care support.

# Survey

## Methodology

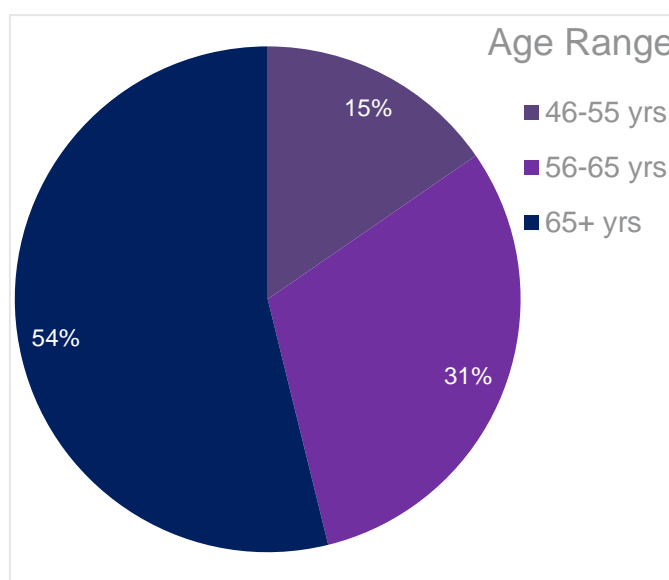
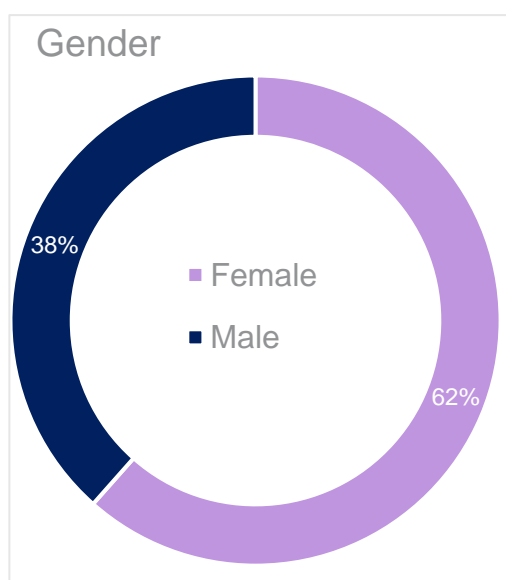
A paper survey was issued to all attendees of the Prestwick Carers Day Event that consisted of 10 questions. Participants were asked to rate the event itself and provide feedback, as well as answer questions about their caring role and what support would help them in their role.

## Results

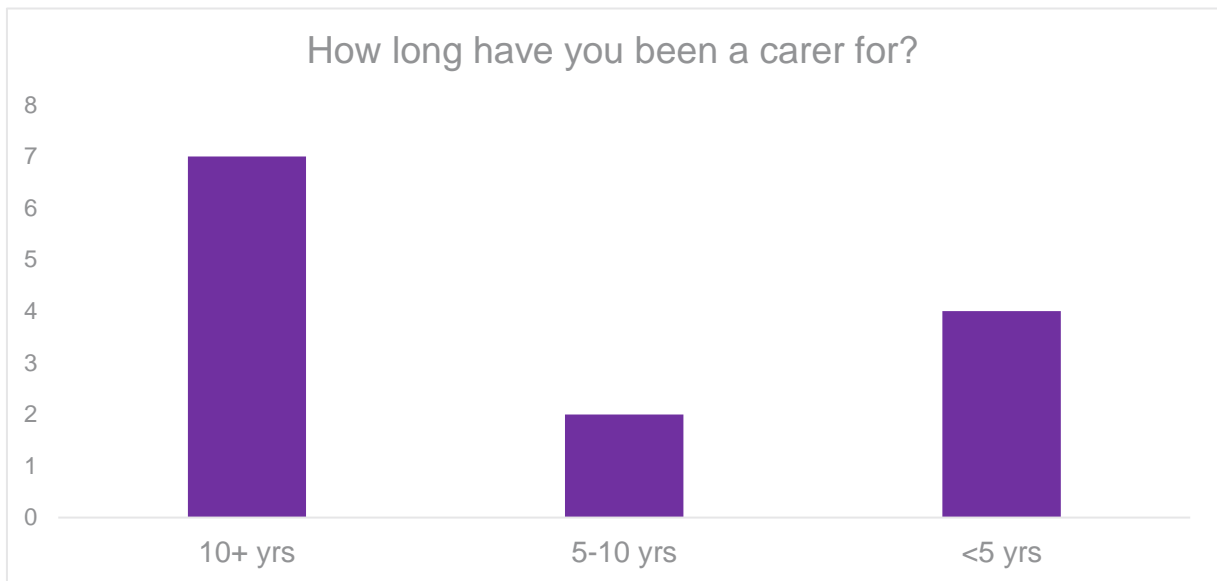
15 people took part in the evaluation on the day, however, for the purposes of carers analysis two participant's responses have been omitted as they indicated that they are not carers. The feedback that these two respondents did provide praised the event highly, noting that the food and service that school pupils provided was outstanding.

Almost all respondents rated the event as 'excellent' and those that did not rated the event as 'good'. Almost half (**46%**) of people gave positive feedback about the information on offer at the event and the networking opportunity with other carers. Others praised the pupils from Prestwick Academy who supported the running of the event (**23%**) and the hospitality provided on the day (**15%**). One respondent was unable to attend the event until much later due to their caring requirements, which may require consideration for future events.

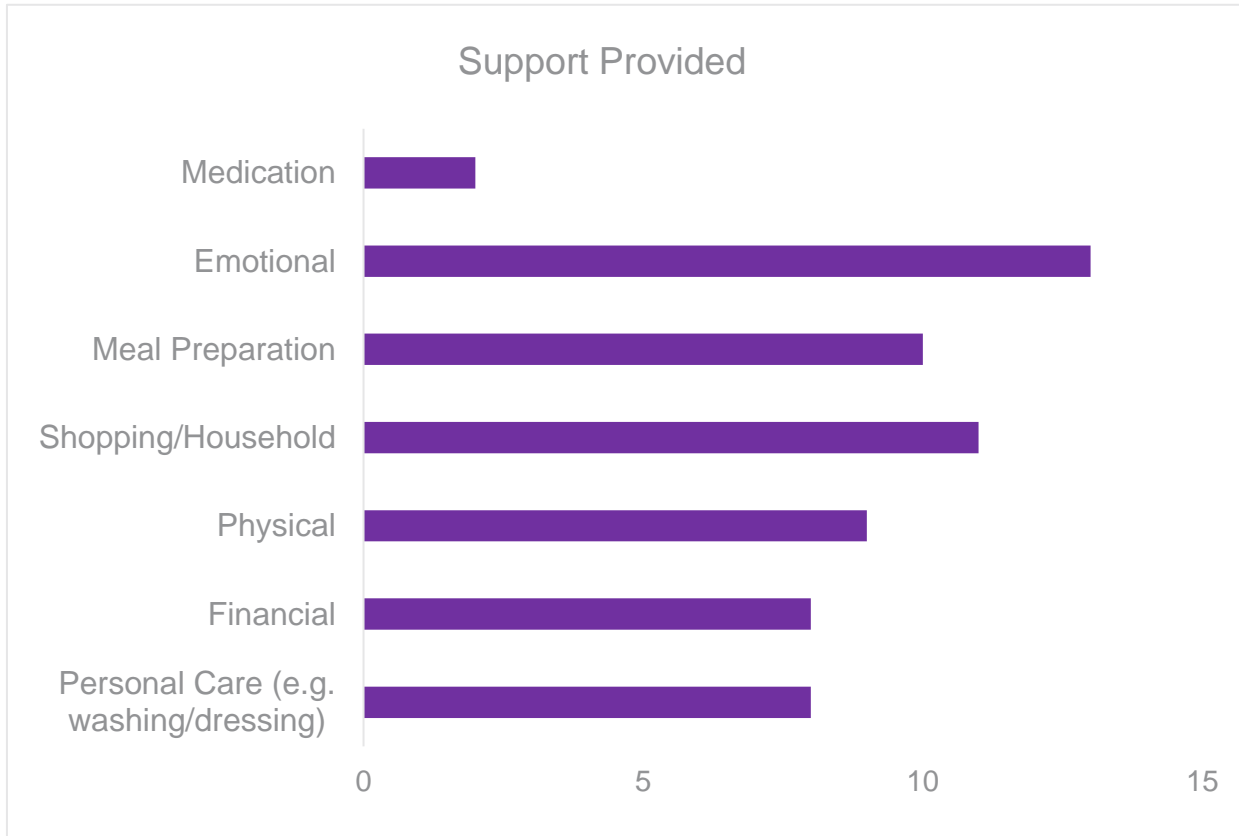
Of the 13 carers that responded, **62%** were female and **38%** were male. The majority of respondents indicated that they were over the age of 65 years (**54%**).



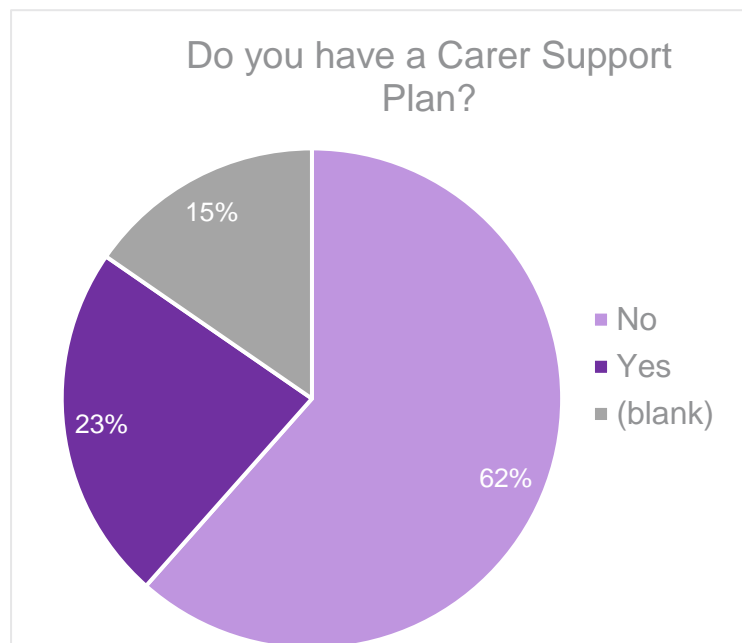
Most carers in attendance indicated that they have been carers for a long period of time, with no carers indicating they had been a carer for any less than 3 years.



The support carers provided varied, with most providing supports in multiple areas. Every carer indicated that they were providing emotional support, with most also providing shopping/household and meal preparation support. Full details are provided in the graph below:



Almost all of the carers who attended on the day advised that they were currently registered with South Ayrshire Carers Centre (**92%**) and most carers indicated that they did not currently have a carers support plan in place.



Carers were asked what kind of things would help them in their caring role. Of those who chose to answer this question, the majority said that being able to take a short break from caring would be beneficial to them, whereas some said that support with finances (like completing applications and knowing what benefits they are entitled to) would be helpful.

Overall, all carers indicated that they enjoyed Prestwick Carers Day and that they would like to attend future events, praising the food, entertainment, pupils from Prestwick Academy and the information on offer.