

## **Are you looking after someone who is sick or disabled who lives in Bury?**

Bury's current three year carers strategy "Caring Together" was launched in 2009 following consultation with carers and statutory and voluntary sector stakeholders. It explains what the agreed priorities for Bury's carers are for 2009 -12, to help deliver improved services to meet the needs of carers.

Bury Council is soon to consult with carers to review and refresh this strategy and will be asking carers to identify local priorities and what is important to them.

Bury's Carers Strategy will be reviewed in line with the Governments' update of the national strategy called "Recognised, Valued and Supported: Next steps for the Carer's Strategy". Which reaffirms the four key priorities for carers as;

**Identification and recognition of carers.** Supporting carers to identify themselves at an early stage, recognising the valuable contributions carers can make, and involving them in care planning.

**Realising and releasing potential;** Enabling those with caring responsibilities to fulfil their educational and employment potential

**A life outside of caring;** Personalised support for carers and those they care for, enabling them to have a family and community life.

**Supporting carers to stay healthy;** Supporting carers to remain mentally and physically well.

We want to know whether you agree with these priorities for Bury and what you think we need to be considering to help us to meet the needs of carers in Bury.

We will be starting a period of consultation from 28/11/11 which will begin with a week of events throughout the Borough, which coincides with carers rights day on 2/12/11.

We will have a questionnaire available for completion online at

<http://www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4903>

The questionnaire will also be sent by post to Carers who are already registered with us. The consultation will end 17/2/12 and we will then develop a strategy which aims to meet the needs carers have identified.

**We need you to tell us your views so that we can make a difference to carer's lives in Bury.**

If you would like any further information please contact the Carers Team on 0161 253 6110