Unpaid carers’ access to and use of primary care services

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Research aim:
This paper investigates the difference that caregiving makes to individuals' access to and use of GP and primary care services.

Results/Conclusion:
Men increase their consultation rates with GPs when taking on a caring role. In contrast, women who look after someone in the same household and carry heavy caring responsibilities have relatively less contact with GPs than expected. A five-fold typology is described covering barriers arising from: professional responses to the carers’ role; the way services are organized and delivered; language or culturally held beliefs and practices; carer or care recipient characteristics; and unmet information needs.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):
Not specific to CALD

Location of study:
United Kingdom

Age group:
not specific to older people

Number included in study:
N/A

Type of participants:
review of

Research approach:
Mixed methods

Type of data:
Mixed

Secondary data sources used:
British Household Panel Survey

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: