

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: