## YOU ARE

Ongoing support

## Support options checklist

There is no right or wrong way to get the support you need.

Choose what is right for you right now, and reassess from time-to-time to make sure it's still the support you need.

We've prepared a checklist of things to keep in mind as you consider your support options.

"I belong to a carers support group and I go to an exercise physiologist 5 days a week for 45 minutes. This is what has kept me sane, and I have a great GP!"

A mother who cares for her adult daughter

- How do your cultural, financial or spiritual needs influence the kind of support most helpful for you?
- You'll receive a lot of well-meant information and advice from others. Take control of all these snippets by dividing them by what is 'useful right now', 'interesting but not useful, or 'thoughts for the future'.
- Make strategies for getting through the bad days. Going for a walk, calling a friend, writing down your thoughts, or just practicing some self-compassion can help.



## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

"Understanding the psychology and what steps to take to help without impact on the support persons family (is key to long term self-care)"

A father who cares for his adult son

