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Ymchwiliad i Effaith Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014 mewn perthynas â Gofalwyr Inquiry into Impact of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 in relation to Carers Ymateb gan Unigolyn

Response from an individual

I was diagnosed with Parkinson's 20 years ago and about the same time my Wife was diagnosed with depression . From which she suffered on and off until her death in January 201 8 from multiple organ failure, resulting from chronic alcoholism. I feel that she was badly served by the mental health services who failed to address her problems of coping with my PD. Part of the problem was that people Would offer me sympathy but leave her to' get on with it'. Not realising that things were in fact worse for her. Having to look after both of us

Since 2004, I have been involved with Parkinson U.K, being PARKINSONS champion from 2010-5 and a member of Ceredigion Carers Alliance and the Red Cross Carers support Group. I feel that these experiences Give me a unique insight into the problems experienced by unpaid Carers and their families .

Yours sincerely