

Review of Self Care Week 2018





National Awareness Initiative

Self Care Week is well established with participation growing each year and this summary highlights the international, national, regional, and local activity. It demonstrates the reach and shows how your Self Care Week activity fits into the bigger picture. (A full version of the evaluation is also available on the Self Care Forum website).



Self Care Week Stats 2011 - 2018

The table below shows the growing impact of **Self Care Week** at a glance:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
No of participating organisations	Less than 50	50	100	100	160	200	300	600
No of factsheets downloaded	unknown	unknown	3299	4854	6800	8600	7300	7200
No of twitter impressions	unknown	unknown	unknown	13.2k	70.8k	72.2k	85.8k	140k
No of visits to SCF website	1000	3290	2948	9,000	13,600	43000	45000	59500

Participation in Self Care Week has

increased by **1100**% from 2011 – 2018



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95 Clinical Commissioning Groups covering a population of **more than a half (28m)** of the people in England took part in **Self Care Week**



More than **600** organisations and individuals took part in **Self Care Week** (**doubled** from last year)



#selfcareweek and #selfcareforlife trended on twitter and three twitterchats were held during Self Care Week generating 1053 tweets



The importance of **Self Care Week** was raised in Parliament by Sir Kevin Barron MP via an Early Day Motion



Chief Nursing Officer Jane Cummings, Director of Personalised Care James Sanderson and Clinical Director Alf Collins were amongst the Self Care Week contributors from NHS England.



Twitter activity in November attracted **783** new followers and had **140k** impressions (**54.2k** more than **2017**)



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The majority of local Self Care Week activity focused on self treatment of minor ailments



Health Minister, Stephen Brine MP supported Self Care Week in a news item



A growing diverse community of individuals and organisations are communicating the benefits of self care during **Self Care Week** including student unions, bloggers, national parks, businesses, gyms, schools, therapists and charities.



Leading up to and during **Self Care Week** the Self Care Forum's website had more than **59,500** page views, over **14,000** more than in **2017**



Self Care Forum fact sheets were the most popular resource during Self Care Week with 7,203 page views – there were 780 downloads of the new Vitamin D fact sheet



Over **100** clips of national, local and trade press highlighted **Self Care Week** with a circulation totalling around **12.3m**

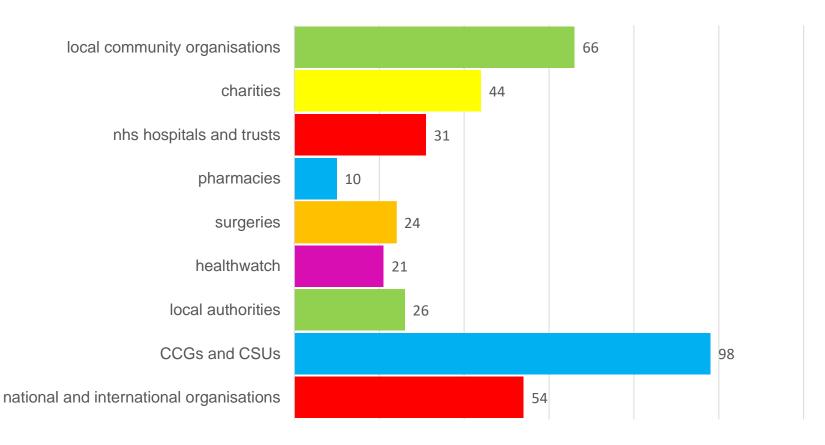


Survey: Self Care Messages Dominating Self Care Week





Survey: Who is promoting Self Care Week?



In addition to the above, more than **300** other organisations and individuals participated in **Self Care Week** including media, bloggers, schools, universities, parks, gyms and businesses.



Survey: Comments from Participants

We reached 32,000 people through Twitter and Facebook leading to a 25% increase in website visits over the course of the week. A library of self care resources produced by other CCGs and local authorities would be helpful to share and avoid reinventing the wheel.

Self Care Week provided an opportunity to work with local primary care, public health and 3rd sector partners to increase levels of self care and wellbeing in our community. It has prompted more connections and ideas that we hope to turn into future projects. Could **Self Care Week** be expanded into Self Care Month to allow more time for activities?

We concentrated on improving children's health and health literacy by targeting local schools, Scouts and children's groups and also sharing self care resources with child care providers, nurseries and schools.



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Residents encouraged to self care for

To mark Self Care Week 2018 (12 to 18 November) Stockport Council and the local NHS are calling on people to Self Care for Life



Examples of 2018 local activities

Articles, daily blogs, newsletters,

twitter polls and surveys

School children's Self Care Week bunting competition Conferences, coffee mornings and learning events

Launched a stay well booklet which was promoted throughout the local district Social media activity via Twitter, Facebook and Linked-in as well as waiting room TV screens and PPG newsletters

Local events in shopping centres, schools, hospitals, health clinics, pharmacies, libraries, gyms, surgeries and bus stations

Collaborative working with local health professions, pharmacy, third sector and charities.

Signposting to the pharmacy for minor health conditions

Launch of a local self care website highlighting how to look after symptoms with the aim of further self care activities during the year.

Demonstrations on health and wellbeing in the workplace

Events aimed at young people through schools, youth clubs and parents.





Self Care Week 2019



Time to start planning!



In the Beginning!

- Self Care Week is the annual national awareness initiative for self care which began in 2009.
- Managed by the Department of Health until 2011, it is now organised by the Self Care Forum.
- The aim is to support people to understand how to look after their own physical health and mental wellbeing better, and that of their family's.



Contact Details

For further information about the Self Care Forum or Self Care Week contact selfcare@selfcareforum.org or go to the website be added to the mailing list. You can also find us on twitter @SelfCareForum.