A way of taking care of business

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AN ADELAIDE-based app which gives people access to health services through pressing a keypad is generating a business boom for northern care workers.

Ubercare allows people to call for a carer to visit their home 24 hours a day.

Once a call is accepted by the qualified carer, a photo of them will appear on the app with their price and estimated time of arrival.

Since its launch, more than 400 carers have registered with the start-up company across the state, with 81 of those in the northern suburbs.

David Kamari is one of those who signed up.

"I think Ubercare is a one of the best ways for carers to find work," Mr Kamari, of Pooraka, said. "They have flexible shifts which allow me to choose when I work."

Users of the app are able to call for a range of services, including personal care, meal assistance, social support, shopping and respite care.

Craigmore resident Bev Brooks said the app allowed her to complete household jobs.

"It was a lot of fun and allowed me to get a lot of things done around the house which I hadn't done," Ms Brooks said.

Ubercare managing director Simon Chappel said the app helped fill a void.

"We've already approved more than 400 carers who have been attracted by the flexibility and the opportunities to work at times and in the areas convenient to them," Mr Chappel said.

He said carers, who undergo a police check, are able to arrive at a client's home within 15 to 30 minutes.

Information at ubercare.com

Bev Brooks at her Craigmore home with carer David Kamari. Since Ubercare started last month, 80 carers in the northern suburbs have signed up. PICTURE: STEPHEN LAFFER