



Telford & Wrekin
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Addenbrooke House Ironmasters Way Telford TF3 4NT

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date	Monday, 12 November 2018	Time	6.00pm
Venue	Meeting Room G3 & 4, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT		

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Committee Membership: Councillors S Barnes, M Boylan, E A Clare, J A Francis, E J Greenaway, **A D McClements (Chair)**, J Jones, J A Pinter and K R Guy
Co-Optees: Mrs C Healy, Mrs S Fikeis, Mrs L Fowler, Mrs C Morgan, Mrs S Osman, and Mrs M Ward

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** Appendix A
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 17 July 2018.
4. **Overview of Young Carers Support in Telford & Wrekin: 2018** Appendix B
5. **Chair's Update**

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 17 July 2018 at 6.00pm in Meeting Room G3/4, Addenbrook House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT 7

Present: Councillors K Guy (Chair); S Barnes, E A Clare, J A Francis, and co-optees Sherrel Fikeis, Lynn Fowler.

Also Present: S Worthington, Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer - TWC.

CYPSC-01 Apologies for Absence

Councillors E J Greenaway, J Jones, J A Pinter, S J Reynolds, K L Tomlinson; Co-optee C Healy

CYPSC-02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J A Francis declared an interest in the Work Programme item of Nursery funding, as the owner of a nursery.

CYPSC-03 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018

The Minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record with one amendment to include Cllr K L Tomlinson, who was in attendance for the meeting and that Cllr E A Clare had sent apologies.

CYPSC-04 Work Programme Report and Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference as delegated by Full Council on 25 May 2017 and endorsed by the Scrutiny Management Board.

The Work Programme suggestions for 2018/19 had been considered by the Scrutiny Management Board on 5 June 2018 and referred to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to decide which issues should be included in the Committee's Work Programme. It was acknowledged that four formal meetings had been allocated for the municipal year, although this did not include any informal or sub-group meetings which could be held to gather evidence as part of a review, briefing meetings or regional/external scrutiny meetings.

It was noted that there should be some flexibility in the work programme to allow for important issues that emerged during the year. The Committee agreed to:

- School transport – Members agreed questions could be posed to officers and circulated to Committee Members.
- Nursery Funding – Members agreed to research into the issue and report back to the Committee, with the aim of writing to the MP.

- Child Sexual Exploitation – numerous suggestions had been received to ensure this item remained on the work programme, however, concern had been raised regarding any impact on the independent enquiry.

Additional topics discussed included:

- Bullying in Schools – Members agreed this was a significant topic. Members requested information regarding how many incidents of bullying were recorded in schools and how these incidents were managed.
- Grey, unofficial exclusions – how many children were being unofficially excluded from school and home educated.
- Education Attainment – An update to be brought to the next committee.
- Young Carers – What support that is given to young carers within the Borough.

CYPSC-05 Chair's Update

The Chair advised that there was no additional information to share.

The meeting ended: 6.29pm

Chairman:

Date:

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee: 12th November 2018****Overview of Young Carers Support in Telford & Wrekin: 2018****1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To brief Scrutiny about the provision of information, advice and support for Young Carers across the Borough.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee note the report and, if any, suggest recommendations and or further actions to enhance further the development of the Boroughs offer to Young Carers.

3.0 INTRODUCTION**Back ground:**

Across the country there are a lot of young people who carry out an indispensable role of supporting other members of their family. Local Authorities work to identify these young people and provide assess and support them as carers

Within Telford there are increasing numbers of families that are being supported by children and young people.

Across the Borough the provision of assessing and supporting young carers has been commissioned and delivered via the Telford & Wrekin Community Voluntary Services who have a Young Carers Service as part of their All Ages Carers Service. In the Young Carers Centre: young carers in Telford & Wrekin from the age of 5 to 24 years of age can receive age appropriate support.

4.0 KEY INFORMATION

The 2011 Census informs us that we are aware of 1530 young people up to the age of 24 years across the Borough who are referred to as young carers. This is broken down as 0-15 (504) and 16 to 24yrs (1026). Currently we are aware of approximately 600 young people registered with and receiving support from Telford Carers Centre.

The term young carer is taken to include children and young people under 18 who provide regular and ongoing care and emotional support to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances. The term does not apply to the everyday and occasional help around the home that may often be expected of

or given by children in families which is part of community and family cohesion. Caring responsibilities are important and relied upon within the family in maintaining the health safety or day to day well-being of the person receiving support or care and/or the wider family.

The tasks undertaken by children and young people vary, according to the nature of the illness or disability, the level and frequency of need for care and the structure of family. The young carer may undertake some or all of the following types of support:

- Practical tasks such as cooking, housework and shopping.
- Managing the family budget, collecting benefits and prescriptions.
- Physical care such as moving and handling.
- Personal care such as dressing, washing, helping with toileting needs
- Giving medication
- Looking after or parenting young siblings
- Giving emotional support
- Interpreting (either because of hearing or speech impairment) or because English is not the first language.

It can be surprising and humbling to be told exactly what young carers do who are sometimes as young as 5 years old.

When young people access the Young Carers Centre they are supported on three tiers:

- Tier 3: Where there is a young person in a household where there is a vulnerable child or adult requires support. Usually they are not providing caring support directly.
- Tier 2: Where the young person is providing some limited support to either a sibling or parent who is vulnerable.
- Tier 1: Where the young person is providing one to one care for a sibling or parent on a regular basis

The Young Carers Centre links with schools, colleges and school nurses: usually young carer support in schools is co-ordinated in conjunction with health sessions provided by School Nurses. The centre also undertakes assessments of young people who are in Tier 2/3 as part of the Child around the Family Assessment: this approach considers the young person and family as a whole and the aim is to support the young carers to support themselves and their family to remain stable in a community setting. The people with illnesses that young carers support, might have a range of conditions such as: physical disabilities, long term illnesses or special educational needs to mental health issues, like bi-polar, depression, anxiety, alcohol and substance misuse.

These families are often financially stretched, another stress factor for these young carers.

Young carers can have all sorts of needs such as organising their lives, completing school /college work, having time for play or leisure activities, isolation, tiredness, bullying, and lack of confidence. Overall 50% young carers are more likely than other

children and young people to be ill themselves.

In 2015 the Young Carers Service and Adult Carers Service combined to provide an all age information, advice and support service. This has assisted to maintain and support young carers through transition to adulthood, supporting them through moving from school to college/university/employment. The service provides:

- One to one support: Open to Tier 1
- Bi weekly clubs and activities: Age specific Primary Young Carers/ Secondary Carers open to everyone
- Half Term and Holiday activities open for everyone
- Inbetweeners Group: The Inbetweeners Group for 16-24 years provides the opportunity to meet on a regular basis accessing a range of activities, opportunities and importantly peer support
- Befriending for young carers: volunteers: Tier 2
- Drop in sessions at schools in conjunction with Health Sessions (School Nurses)
- Assessments at School
- Young Carers Newsletter: four times a year.
- Key Workers support individuals and families of young carers at TACS (Team around the Child), TAFS (Team around the Family) and Core Groups.
- Parent Assessment at home

Local Developments

- NHS England, in conjunction with Shropshire Council lead a campaign entitled Commitment to Carers: The Carers Voice network. The aim was to consider the identity of young carers. The authors accessed local forums held for young carer's young people where they shared their personal stories.
- Through the Carers Voice initiative young carers assisted with the production of a video: <http://www.telfordyoungcarers.org.uk/>
- Following a successful award of a NHS England bid: promotional material is being currently developed to raise the profile and awareness of young carers. The material utilises graphics which the young people have created themselves. (Appendix 1)
- The Carers Centre is working with local business to enhance the Council's offer to develop wellbeing and physical activities whilst combating loneliness.

If you want to find out more about young carers and adult carers in Telford & Wrekin, visit their website www.telfordyoungcarers.org.uk and www.telfordcarers.org.uk

5.0 FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT

The budget for Young Carers is a separate budget to that that exists for the provision of services to Adult Carers, the budget for Adult Carers sits within the BCF Pooled arrangement with Telford & Wrekin CCG. The budget for the support of services to Young Carers is £91k in 2018/19.

6.0 LEGAL COMMENT

A young carer, for the purposes of the Children Act 1989, is a person under 18 who provides (or intends to provide) care for an adult.

A specific duty to assess the needs of young carers was introduced by Section 96 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which inserted Section 17ZA, B and C into the Children Act 1989. The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015 set out how Local Authorities should carry out needs assessments of young carers.

Under paragraph 6.58 of the Care Act 2014 Care and Support Statutory Guidance, any children who maybe providing care must be identified and offered a young carers assessment or a needs assessment under the Children Act 1989.

Young carers are also entitled to a transition assessment under Section 61 to 64 of the Care Act 2014, to establish whether they are likely to have a need for support when they reach 18 years old. A young carer, for the purposes of the Care Act 2014, is a person under the age of 18 who provides (or intends to provide) care for another person

Local Authorities must therefore ensure that children's services and adults' services co-operate and work together so that the assessment of the young carer is effective, expertise and information is shared, and processes are linked.

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7.0 ACTIONS TO ADDRESS

None

8.0 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The current All Age Carer Service contract expires on the 30th September 2019. The Council is currently engaging with carers and young people with regard to what they want from the new service. Young carers lives are shaped and influenced by the support we provide for them through the Carers Centre. The provision of young carer support should not be seen in isolation to the adult carer's provision: loneliness, isolation and often poor health affects all carers whatever their age and there are immense benefits of delivering a combined service.

The governance of Carers is overseen by the Carers Partnership Board which is carer led. Young Carers are represented by the Carers Centre with young people being consulted on specific matters such key health and social care matters such as Future Fit how to promote the service and future support.

It is an ambition of the Carers Partnership Board to challenge stigma which surrounds all carers whilst promoting carer friendly options across the Borough. In

June 2018, the Council became a Carer Friendly Employer, pledging their support to the identification and support of carers within the workplace, alongside Carer Friendly Communities. This ambition is extended into education: schools and colleges and health to ensure those who come in contact with young people are informed and able to support them to be well and safe.

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APPENDIX 1: Art work for Z leaflet: Young Carers Publicity

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YOUNG CARERS

Is there a young carer in your school or college?

What do young carers do?

- Shopping
- Washing
- Cleaning
- Help with medication
- Cooking
- Help with lifting
- Look after younger siblings etc..... and be a school or college student

How do you support young carers?

What awareness of young carers is there in your school/college?

What support and understanding do you provide?

- extra homework/revision time?

Young carers tell us having a trusted teacher who understands makes a big difference

Some of the things young carers say about their role

They aren't a sad story

They learn life skills through caring

Caring can bring them closer to their family

But...They need more than words

Sources of local support for young carers

Shropshire, Carers Trust4All 0333 323 1990, Option 1, then Option 6. or email shropyc@carerstrust4all.org.uk

Telford & Wrekin 01952 458044 or 07878 457141 Or email info@telfordandwrekinyoungcarers.org.uk

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HOW CAN IT FEEL?

FED UP

WHAT CAN HELP?

LISTEN

TALK

An NHS England funded initiative

Shropshire Council

carers trust

carers trust