



# Desired Outcomes and Recommendation Summary – Young Carers

**Desired Outcome** – That the All Age Carers Strategy adequately reflects the support requirements of Young Carers

**Recommendation 1** – That the Director of Childrens Services brings the All Age Carers Strategy before the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) for consideration and input before the strategy is formally agreed.

**Desired Outcome** – A range of services are provided to those in receipt of care particularly Adult Social Care and Health Services with have a direct impact on the lives of Young Carers. Developing stronger links with other service providers and understanding the operational impact services will enable better support to Young Carers.

**Recommendation 2** – That the Director of Childrens Services ensures stronger communication and operational links are established between service areas both internal and external to the Council and efforts are made to understand where necessary the service entitlements for those in receipt of care.

**Desired Outcome** – Tracking the academic achievement of Young Carers will enable educational support to be targeted more effectively.

**Recommendation 3** – That the Director of Children’s Services tracks and records educational outcomes for known Young Carers to ensure support can be targeted and that a proactive approach can be adopted to prevent Young Carers from becoming NEET.

**Desired Outcome** – All schools are utilising the resources available to them to provide comprehensive support to Young Carers

**Recommendation 4** – That the Director of Children’s Services ensures that the Governors and Head teachers of all state maintained schools are aware of the contracted service provided by Barnardo’s and that the school is engaging with Barnardo’s to utilise the resources available them in order to support Young Carers.

**Desired Outcome** – That the council introduces a policy of conducting a Childrens Impact Assessment in its decision making processes to ensure detrimental and negative impacts are minimised.

**Recommendation 5** – That the Chief Executive introduces an assessment process where the impact of decision making on Children is a consideration in all formal decision making processes.

**Desired Outcome** – To provide respite care for those who are looked after by Young Carers

**Recommendation 6** – That the Director of Children’s Services ensures practitioners providing advice to Young Carers understand the criteria for Adult respite care and can assist in facilitating this provision on behalf of young carers and their families.

**Desired Outcome** – To provide a safe and welcoming environment for Young Carers to enable them to take a break from those who they care for.

**Recommendation 7** – That the Director of Childrens Services explores how current facilities could be utilised to provide an environment where Young Carers can ‘drop in’, have a break or access help and advice.



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**Desired Outcome** – The positive promotion of the role of the Social Worker as a supporting professional, breaking down barriers for accessing services and removing perceptions that engagement with Social Services would result in the removal of a child.

**Recommendation 8** – That Director of Children's Services considers the myths, assumptions and preconceptions that Young People and their Parents may have which presents barriers to accessing Social Services and implements a plan for positive promotion of this service.

**Desired Outcome** – Raise awareness of the support available to Young Carers and provide young people with access to practitioners who will be able to give advice or support. Practitioners who come into contact with Young Carers are provided with the training necessary to facilitate the provision of information, advice, guidance and support.

**Recommendation 9** – That the Director of Children's Services facilitates promotional activities and literature via schools and places where young people meet which raises awareness about the support available for Young Carers. In addition, also ensures practitioners who come into contact with Young Carers are adequately trained to provide the support and information they may require.

**Desired Outcome** – Provide access to ICT equipment to enable Young Carers to study from the home environment or from facilities that have accessible ICT equipment outside of school hours.

**Recommendation 10** – The Director of Children's Services investigates access to the provision of ICT equipment which will facilitate flexible learning and home working.

**Desired Outcome** – Ongoing consultation and engagement with Young Carers to identify universal educational and welfare problems and establish support mechanisms. In addition feedback should be provided to demonstrate that their input has resulted in positive outcomes.

**Recommendation 11** – That the Director of Children's Services establishes a mechanism for ongoing consultation with Young Carers building on the event undertaken when devising the contract, which will enable the identification of further areas of improvement and facilitate feedback to those who have participated.

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