

Supporting Young Carers in Education

Young Carer Statement

Responsible authorities must offer a 'Young Carer Statement' to anyone they identify as a young carer. They must prepare a young carer statement for anyone who accepts this offer. The statement should contain a variety of information about the young carer's circumstances and caring role. It must contain information about:-

- the nature and extent of the care provided and the impact on the young carers wellbeing and day-to-day life;
- the extent to which the young carer is able and willing to provide care;
- whether the responsible authority thinks that it is appropriate for the young carer, as a child or young person, to be a carer for the person they care for;
- emergency and future care planning, including any arrangements that are in place;
- what 'personal outcomes' matter to the young carer in order continue to provide care, where that is appropriate, to have a life alongside caring, and to improve their health and wellbeing;
- support available if they live in a different local authority are from the person you care for;
- whether support should be provided as a break from caring;
- support available locally;
- any support which the responsible authority intends to provide to the young carer; and
- the circumstances in which the Young Carer Statement is to be reviewed.

When a young carer turns 18 their statement will continue until they are provided with an adult carer support plan. If they do not wish to continue providing care, they can choose not to have an adult carer support plan.

Who is responsible for preparing the Young Carer Statement?

The 'responsible authority' can be:-

- the local authority (education, social work or a commissioned service)
- the health board – where a young carer is a pre-school child;
- another local authority – where a young carer attends a local authority school away from the area they normally live; or
- the young carer's grant-aided school or independent school.

Your local authority will be able to tell you who is leading on Young care Statements for your area ([COSLA – Links to Local Authorities](#))

When and how the young carer statement conversation is to take place will be agreed with the young carer. The responsible authority will normally provide a copy of the young carer statement to the young carer and any other person that the young carer requests, unless there is a reason that the responsible authority decide this would not be appropriate. For example, it might not be considered appropriate (or there may not be consent) to share sensitive medical information about the person who is cared for.