

# Supporting Young Carers in Education

## Key Legislation, Policy and Guidance

The [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) was designed to support carers' health and wellbeing and help make caring more sustainable. The Act was implemented effect from 1 April, 2018 and measures include:

- a duty for local authorities to provide support to carers, based on the carer's identified needs which meet the local eligibility criteria.
- a [Young carer statement](#) to identify carers' needs and personal outcomes.
- a requirement for local authorities to have an information and advice service for carers which provides information and advice on, amongst other things, emergency and future care planning, advocacy, income maximisation and carers' rights.

The key provisions are summarised in the [Carers' charter](#), setting out carers' rights under the Act.

### Other relevant legislation, policy and guidance:

[The Education \(Additional Support for Learning\) \(Scotland\) Act 2009 Act](#) requires Education Authorities to provide additional support to young carers, who may be experiencing barriers to learning.

[Additional Support for Learning and Young Carers: Report to Parliament](#) (2009)

[Getting It Right For Every Child \(GIRFEC\)](#): Policy developed to support families by making sure children and young people can receive the right help, at the right time, from the right people. The aim is to help them to grow up feeling loved, safe and respected so that they can realise their full potential.

[Additional support for learning: statutory guidance 2017 \(Code of Practice\)](#)

[Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#): Legislation making provision for the rights and services for children and young people.