

Bracknell Forest Council Young Carers

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What is a Young Carer?

- The official definition of a young carer is '...a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person (of any age, except where that care is provided for payment, pursuant to a contract or as voluntary work).' Children and Families Act 2014 Section 96.
- Census data shows the number of young carers in England is around 166,000; other research indicates that there could be 700,000 young carers (BBC, 2010).



The Children and Families Act 2014 and The Care Act 2014

- From April 2015 all young carers have been entitled to an assessment of their needs from the local authority.
- These responsibilities are set out in the Children's Act 1989 (as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014) and under the Care Act 2014.



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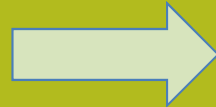
- Section 96 of the Children and Families Act 2014 introduces new rights for young carers to ensure young carers and their families are identified and their needs for support are assessed.
- This provision works alongside measures in the Care Act 2014 for transition assessment for young carers as they approach adulthood, and for assessing adults to enable a 'whole family approach' to providing assessment and support



Childrens
and
Families
Act 2014



Care Act
2014



A proactive, whole family
approach to:

Identifying young carers

Assessing needs and
delivering support in a
co-ordinated way

Supporting transitions into
adulthood



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How we work: Bracknell Forest Council Structure

People Directorate – Children, young People and Learning

Early Help, Prevention and Intervention

Youth Specialist Support team

Targeted Youth Work Assistant : Young Carers



How we work: Daily Operations

- Memorandum of Understanding: No Wrong Doors
 - Multi-agency Strategy Group
 - Action Plan
 - Identification and Assessment of Young Carers Strategy
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- All enquiries relating to Young Carer
- Facilitating and coordinating assessment
- Local expert and appropriate signposting



How we work: Young Carers in School Award

- The Young Carers in Schools (YCiS) initiative is run jointly by Carers Trust and The Children's Society.
- We are working with schools across Bracknell to share good practice and develop relevant, accessible tools and training.
- By taking part in the programme, schools will be able to show they are meeting the needs of this particularly vulnerable pupil group (specifically mentioned in Ofsted's Common Inspection Handbook, 2015).
- As many as one in 12 pupils could be a young carer.



BFC Young Carer Statistics

January – March 2019

Count : 184

Gender : Female 99, Male 80, not disclosed 5

Movement for the quarter: +17 -16

April – June 2019 to date

Count : 189

Gender : Female 98, Male 80, not disclosed 0



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