

Sheffield's Young Carers Register: Process for schools

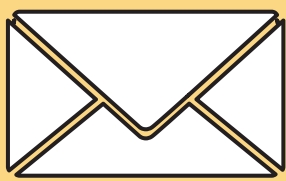
In July 2021, Sheffield City Council launched the city's Young Carers Register and a process for schools to inform the Local Authority whenever you identify that a pupil has caring responsibilities. The Council are fully committed to making sure that all the young carers in Sheffield are being identified across all services as effectively as possible, so they can make sure that they and their families get the help and support they need.

Please register all young carers identified in your school now and in the future using the process below:

1

Talk to young carers in your school and send the Sheffield City Council letter home to the young carer and their family, letting them know that their name will be added to the register unless they opt out.

(If a young person does not want you to send the letter home, do not register them but talk with them about why they don't want their family to know and follow your usual safeguarding procedures if you have any concerns about their safety or welfare).



4

Provide support and flexibility in school based on their individual needs. Sheffield Young Carers can offer you free training and resources to help with this.

If they have additional needs, refer to the appropriate agencies (e.g. MAST, Sheffield Young Carers, Young Carers Activity Fund etc.)



2

Unless they opt out, submit the young person's details to the Young Carers Register by filling in the Young Carers Registration Form and sending it to Sheffield City Council via AnyComms.

Select Young Carers Referrals (file type)
Young Carers (service/team).

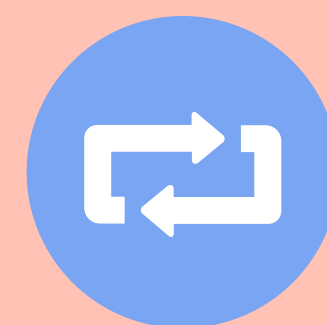
(If you do not have AnyComms access yourself, speak to your Safeguarding Lead about this)



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Repeat this process whenever you identify a new young carer.

If someone stops being a carer, you can use the same form to let us know so they get taken off the register.



A young carer is a child or young person who provides unpaid care for a loved one who has disabilities, long-term physical illnesses, mental health difficulties and/or drug or alcohol issues.

1 in 12 children and young people are young carers (BBC, 2010).

If you have any questions about the process then please email the Inclusion and Attendance team at: sheffieldinclusion&attendance@sheffield.gov.uk