

Solihull Young Carers Referral Form



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local support for local people
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Children and Young People's Trust
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Solihull Young Carers Referral Information.

Young Carers are children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18, whose lives are affected by the need to take responsibility for a person who is either: chronically ill; experiencing a mental illness; has an alcohol and/or substance misuse dependency; physical disability; sensory impairment; is elderly or infirm or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. The person being cared for is usually a parent, but may be a sibling, grandparent or friend, and will not necessarily live in the same house as the young carer. Some children/young people will be the only carer, but others will be secondary carers and share the responsibility with other family members.

Caring Responsibilities.

Young carers may be performing any of the caring responsibilities associated with adult carers. These responsibilities may include:

- Domestic duties (shopping, cooking, cleaning etc)
- Personal care (bathing, dressing, toileting etc)
- Family responsibilities (supervise siblings, paying bills etc)
- Medical care (administer medication, collect medication etc)
- Emotional Support (for cared for, siblings, parents etc)
- Communication (translating, reading letters, filling in forms etc)

Effects of caring.

As a result of undertaking these caring responsibilities, research has proven that Young Carers' ongoing development will either be affected or at risk of being affected. Those areas identified as most at risk are:

- Social life/skills (difficulty forming friendships, false maturity)
- Education (persistently late, victim of bullying, high absenteeism)
- Health and emotional well-being (stress, pulled muscles, tiredness)

If, after an Initial Assessment, it is identified that the child/young person is experiencing any affects from their caring responsibilities, their needs will be assessed, and based upon these, they will be able to access the service according to the level of need;

Level 3

Criteria – High level need, primary carer, Child Protection issues.

Service Provision – Optional allocated Support Worker, Day Trips and Residential's in addition to level 2 and 1 service provisions.

Level 2

Criteria – Middle level need, sibling carer. CAF with unmet needs.

Service Provision – Access to Day Trips, Residential's and Optional 1:1 Support, in addition to the Level 1 service provisions.

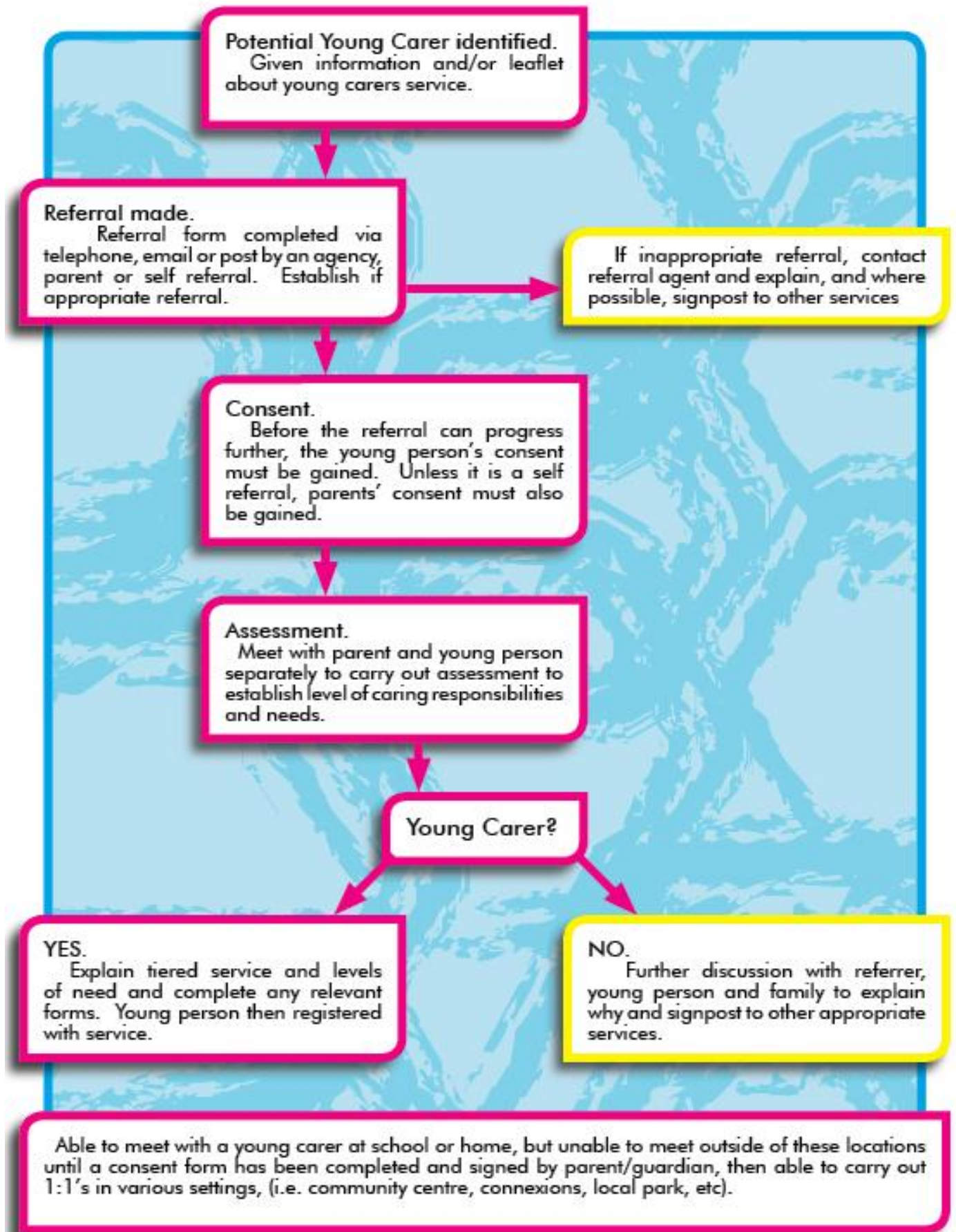
Level 1 (*Available to all young people accessing Solihull Young Carers Service*)

Criteria – Lower level need, more than one carer in the household, support services in place

Service Provision – Access to fortnightly group, Optional 1:1 Support, Quarterly Newsletter, Young Carers Net, Carers Card and general information.

A young person may move through these levels according to their needs

Solihull Young Carers Referral Process



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(Please complete this form as fully as possible)

Referrer's Details

Name	
Date	
Job Title/Place of Work	
Telephone Number & email address	
Relationship to young person	
Is the young person aware that you are making this referral?	Yes / No
What are their views?	
Is the young person's parent(s)/guardian(s) aware of this referral?	Yes / No
What are their views?	

Young Person being referred

Name	
Date of Birth	
Age	
Gender	
Address	
Telephone Number - Landline	
Telephone Number - Mobile	
Any Medical Conditions?	
School	
School Year Group	
Ethnicity	
GP Name and Surgery Address	
Are they the main carer in the household?	Yes / No
Lone Parent Family	Yes / No

Additional Information

Is there any risk, in terms of lone working to staff?	Yes / No
Does the school know that the young person is a young carer?	Yes / No
Any educational concerns (poor attendance, etc)?	
Has the YC had a Common Assessment Framework completed? Details:	Yes / No
Has the YC had a Carers Assessment? Details:	Yes / No
Does the YC have a Child Protection Plan? Details:	Yes / No
Any further information: Is there anything else that you think we need to know about this family? Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary	

For monitoring purposes could you please tell us where you heard about Solihull Young Carers:

Please return this form either:

Via email to youngcarers@solihullcarers.org or post (**please mark Private and Confidential**) to:

**SOLIHULL YOUNG CARERS
SOLIHULL CARERS CENTRE
TS ONE PINWOOD BUSINESS PARK
COLESHILL ROAD
SOLIHULL
WEST MIDLANDS
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If you have any enquiries, please contact Solihull Young Carers on **0121 788 1143**