

**Cllr.Paxton Hood-Williams**

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Dear Cllr. Hood-Williams,

Thank you to the Panel for your invitation to talk about the important topic of carers at the Child and Family Services Scrutiny meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> March, and thank you for the letter which followed, dated 29<sup>th</sup> March. I apologise for the lateness of my response which was delayed due to leave over the Easter period. The key issue on which you asked for further information was a definition of a "carer".

The West Glamorgan Carers' strategy, which was developed co-productively with carers, states that a carer" is "a person who provides, or intends to provide care for an adult or disabled child". The term "carer" can be associated with paid professionals who provide care to people. Unpaid carers are usually family or friends that give their time to support a person who need support. However, "unpaid" does not necessarily mean that they do not receive any financial support for carrying out this role. Some carers can claim allowances and benefits to support them.

In addition to this, a young carer is someone under the age of 18 who provides or intends to provide care to someone due to a disability, long term illness, mental health condition or dependence on substance use. This definition was developed by young carers themselves.

I hope this answers your question sufficiently, if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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