



Swansea's Young Carers Strategy – Development Overview



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Overview of strategy development

- ❑ Cross sector & department working group established -Jan 20
- ❑ Currently refining an initial draft – based on research and the things that young carers and their families have told us are important to them - March 21
- ❑ Engaging and consulting with young carers, their families, the Parent Carers Forum and the Regional Young Carers Partnership March – April 21
- ❑ Update and finalise strategy - April 21
- ❑ Sign off at Joint Education and Social Services Meeting - May 21
- ❑ The strategy will be a 3 year strategy
- ❑ Time frames & processes may continue to be disrupted by pandemic

Areas being developed in Strategy

- Definition of Young Carers
- Purpose and aims of the Young Carers Strategy
- Research on Young Carers – National & Local
- Strategic Overview of Young Carers
- Local Strategic Context and views of young carers and their families
- Strategic Plan for each aim
- Outcomes and measures
- Commissioning and partnerships

Strategy Aims/Purpose

- To increase the awareness of Young Carers and the issues that effect them
- To increase the identification of Young Carers
- To ensure the right support at the right time is available to young carers

To increase the awareness of Young Carers



On line digital training and awareness raising sessions run by the commissioned service targeting:

- Children and young people via schools identified groups
- Parents and carers via schools and small groups
- Identified lead professionals and groups of identified professionals
- School Governors

To increase the identification of Young Carers



- ❑ Lead officers identified within all relevant services/organisations/departments and kept on a database. A clear set of role responsibilities to be developed for the role.
- ❑ Use of school SIMS and ONE system to identify and enable understanding of the number of Young Carers in Swansea.
- ❑ National Young Carers ID card and database for those Young Carers who wish to be part of the scheme

To ensure the right support at the right time



Proportionate assessment arrangements are critical to ensuring that young carers receive the right support at the right time and that Swansea meets its obligations to the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014.

- ❑ Appropriate lead professionals identified, trained and able to support assessments and required action plans
- ❑ All assessments will be kept on WCISS
- ❑ Use of wellbeing wheel distance travelled tool to understand if needs are being met
- ❑ Clear mapping of services and pathways to access these services

Outcomes and measures

Develop an annual report that includes:

- ❑ Number of individuals completing and attending training and awareness raising sessions.
- ❑ Number of young carers identified by schools and breakdown by age and gender
- ❑ Number of young carers with ID card and breakdown by age and gender
- ❑ Number of young carers with assessments and breakdown by age and gender
- ❑ Number of young carers demonstrating whether needs have been met using the wellbeing wheel
- ❑ Themes of need drawn from assessments
- ❑ Mapping of available services for young carers
- ❑ Number of young carers accessing support from the young carers commissioned service breakdown by type of support, age, gender.
- ❑ Analysis of young carers school attendance and educational outcomes as a whole cohort.

Next steps of development with young carers

- ❑ Work with young carers to ensure they are happy with the content of the strategy
- ❑ Work with young carers on the language being used in the strategy
- ❑ Work with young carers to develop content of training and awareness raising
- ❑ Work with young carers to develop the assessment
- ❑ Agree with young carers how they would like information to be fed back to them and how the reports should look
- ❑ The commissioned Young Carers Service, YMCA Swansea, will develop these processes and agree with young carers how they would like this work to happen. This process will take account of our co-production strategy.