

# Bracknell Forest Young Carers

Registered Young people identified and assessed as Young Carers: 194

| Gender:     |     | Age:        |    |
|-------------|-----|-------------|----|
| Female      | 110 | 5-10 years  | 44 |
| Male        | 83  | 11-15 years | 91 |
| Undisclosed | 1   | 16+ years   | 59 |

Identified and waiting for an assessment : 38

National statistic indicate as many as 1 in 12 secondary age pupil are providing care.

The 2011 Census estimated Bracknell had between 300-500 Young Carers

# Who is a Young Carers

- 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.
- This relates to care for any family members' who are physically or mentally ill, frail or elderly, disabled or misuses alcohol or substances.
- Children should not undertake inappropriate or excessive caring roles that may have an impact on their development.
- A young carer becomes vulnerable when their caring role risks impacting upon their emotional or physical well-being and their prospects in education and life.

# Safeguarding Young Carers

- Safety is first priority, if you have concerns for a young person's safety, refer to and action safeguarding policies and procedures within your organisation
- The level in which Young Carers have responsibility to perform caring tasks may be beyond reasonable expectation; we need to protect them from this and from providing inappropriate levels of caring.
- No Care package should rely on a child
- All professionals must follow the [multi agency threshold guidance](#) and offer an assessment of needs to the young person provide care.

# Young Carers Education

- Young carers have significantly lower attainment at GCSE level – the difference between nine B's and nine C's (The Children's Society, Hidden from View, 2013).
- Young carers are more likely than the national average not to be in education, employment or training (NEET) between the ages of 16 and 19 (The Children's Society, Hidden from View, 2013).
- A quarter of young carers said they were bullied at school because of their caring role (Carers Trust, 2013).

Ofsted Common Inspection Framework 2015: 'In making judgements, inspectors will pay particular attention to the outcomes for young carers

# Identifying & Assessing Young Carers

- Young Carer's have the right to an assessment of their needs from their local authority under the Children and Families Act 2014
- Are you aware if a young person's family member experiences illness, disability, mental ill health or missuses substances? – As a professional working with that family YOU can offer an assessment of their needs
- Always gain consent from parents or carers, except where doing so may increase the risk of harm to the child or young person
- Assessments should take place not in the presence of the person being cared for where possible

# Submitting an Assessment

- Multiple professionals can work together to complete an assessment
- A PDF copy of the assessment document can be found here on our website:  
[Young carers | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/young-carers)
- For a Word copy which can be typed straight into please email our team:  
[Young.carer@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk](mailto:Young.carer@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk)
- A BFC Training package for identifying and Assessing Young Carers is currently being developed
- Please send all enquires to [Young.carer@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk](mailto:Young.carer@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk)