Do you know a child or young person who cares for someone?
A young carer may care for a family member such as a parent or sibling who has an illness, disability or uses drugs or alcohol.

Young carers sometimes need extra support due to the caring responsibilities they have.

Some young carers may have difficulties attending school or feel isolated and not part of the school community.

They may have a limited social life and not have as many opportunities to spend time with friends and have fun.

This can have an impact on their ability to achieve and on their health and wellbeing.

The Young Carers Team can provide:

- 1:1 support
- Information and advice
- Advocacy
- Group work, and activities including social groups

If you identify a Young carer please follow the pathway opposite to ensure they are offered an assessment and appropriate support.

Did you know?

There are at least 720 young carers in Doncaster

1 in 20 young carers miss school because of their caring responsibilities

63% of young carers in Doncaster care for their mother - 21% care for a sibling

Young Carers Pathway

You identify a Young Carer...

Does the Young Carer have a current assessment e.g. Early Help Assessment, Single Agency Plan, Children and Families Assessment?

Yes

Review your assessment and tick the Young Carer box

Yes

Does it address the impact of caring responsibilities?

No

No

Contact the Young Carers service for further information and to make a referral to request support from the Young Carers service

The Children’s Act 1989 and The Children and Families Act 2014 give local councils and their partners the duty to ‘take reasonable steps’ to identify young carers, to assess the impact of their caring responsibilities.

Contact the Young Carer’s team for further information or to make a referral to gain support from the Young Carer’s team: 01302 736099 or email young.carers@doncaster.gov.uk
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