

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
19 JULY 2016
SERVICE PROVISION FOR YOUNG CARERS IN NOTTINGHAM
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR RESILIENCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To explore the service provision for young carers in Nottingham.

2 Action required

The Committee is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider Nottingham City Council's approach to supporting young carers in Nottingham, including partnership working;
- 2.2 Use the information received at the meeting to scrutinise the services available in Nottingham for young carers;
- 2.3 Identify any potential areas for further scrutiny for inclusion in the work programme.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Young carers are children and young people under 18 who provide regular and on-going care and emotional support to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances.
- 3.2 In April 2014, the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014 came into effect, providing new regulation with regards to young carers and their families, particularly around the right to an assessment of their needs for support.
- 3.3 The Committee might want to focus on the following aspects:
 - How do partner agencies and the Council help families to find the support they need and are entitled to, from local services?
 - How does the Council support young carers to use local services such as sports clubs, support groups and health centres?
 - Is there a service for advice and emotional support?
 - Is there a liaison with schools so that teachers can better support their students?

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Service Provision for Young Carers – Appendix 1

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None.

7 Wards affected

7.1 Citywide.

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