

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CARERS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016



THE ACT CAME IN TO FORCE ON 1 APRIL 2018

WHO IS A CARER?

A CARER
IS SOMEONE
WHO PROVIDES OR
INTENDS TO PROVIDE
CARE FOR ANOTHER
PERSON



BUT NOT IF

THIS IS ONLY BECAUSE OF THE CARED-FOR
PERSON'S AGE (**WHERE THEY'RE UNDER 18**)

YOU ARE CARING UNDER OR BECAUSE OF
A CONTRACT OR AS VOLUNTARY WORK

WHO IS A YOUNG CARER?

A YOUNG CARER IS
SOMEONE WHO IS A
CARER, AS DESCRIBED
ABOVE AND ALSO...



**UNDER THE AGE OF 18 OR
18+ BUT STILL AT SCHOOL**





YOUNG CARERS HAVE A RIGHT TO A YOUNG CARER STATEMENT, BUT WHAT IS IT?

THE YOUNG CARER STATEMENT WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE CARER'S OWN CIRCUMSTANCES AND CARING ROLE.

IT SHOULD INCLUDE



THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE YOUNG CARER IS ABLE AND WILLING TO PROVIDE CARE



HOW FAR THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE CARE PROVIDED IS APPROPRIATE



WHAT PERSONAL OUTCOMES MATTER IN ORDER TO HAVE A LIFE ALONGSIDE CARING AND TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN HEALTH AND WELLBEING



SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO YOUNG CARERS LOCALLY



ANY SUPPORT WHICH THE RESPONSIBLE LOCAL AUTHORITY INTENDS TO PROVIDE



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IS NORMALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFERING A YOUNG CARER STATEMENT TO ANYONE IDENTIFIED AS A YOUNG CARER AND TO ANYONE WHO APPEARS (TO THEM) TO BE A YOUNG CARER IF THE YOUNG CARER REQUESTS ONE

BUT IT MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

THE "RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY" CAN ALSO INCLUDE...



THE LOCAL AUTHORITY WHERE A YOUNG CARER ATTENDS A PUBLIC SCHOOL IF IT'S DIFFERENT FROM WHERE THEY STAY AT HOME

OR

PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THE GRANT-AIDED OR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL THE YOUNG CARER ATTENDS



CARERS AND YOUNG CARERS HAVE A RIGHT TO SUPPORT TO MEET ANY ELIGIBLE NEEDS

THE RESPONSIBLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MUST PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ANY CARER WHO HAS IDENTIFIED NEEDS LAID OUT IN THE YOUNG CARER STATEMENT WHICH MEET THE LOCAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA WHICH CANNOT BE MET THROUGH SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE CARED-FOR PERSON OR THROUGH GENERAL LOCAL SERVICES

THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY ASK ANOTHER ORGANISATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO YOU ON ITS BEHALF

THESE MAY BE



THIRD-SECTOR & VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

LOCAL CARER CENTRES

OTHER LOCAL OR NATIONAL SERVICES

