

# Report of the Assistant Director (Children's Specialist Services) to the Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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**Subject: Young Carers**

## **Summary statement:**

This report provides an annual update on plans to meet the needs of Young Carers, within the Bradford District, following the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding 2010, refreshed in Feb 2014, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014, April 2015 and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the action plan to meet the needs of Young Carers following the implementation of the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Local Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2010. It updates a previous report presented on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The 2010 Local Memorandum of Understanding (tabled previously) has been updated to include the good practise detailed within the paper 'No wrong doors' April 2015.

- 2.2 The Memorandum is a clear Joint Statement of Intent and Vision stating that;

***“Children and young people will be protected from inappropriate caring and have the support they need to learn, develop and thrive; to enjoy positive childhoods and to achieve their full potential and fulfils the duty to participate as laid out in the Raising Participation Age duty.”***

- 2.3 The Vision's overriding priority is prevention, ensuring Young Carers are actively protected from excessive or inappropriate caring and parenting roles are supported. The Memorandum also supports the new duties placed on Authorities via the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014.

- 2.4 It was agreed in July 2014 that the monitoring and oversight of the Memorandum of Understanding would be undertaken by the Children's Trust Board with annual reports to Children's Overview and Scrutiny and Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny for information.

## 3. Report issues

- 3.1 Members asked that the action plan for Young Carers should be a 'live' plan that ensures the service continues to make progress in relation to meeting the needs of Young Carers. The main issue to note is the excellent progress made with the Secondary Schools.

- 3.2 Progress has been made with Governors, School Nursing, Adult Services via the 'care pathway' with BDCFT Bradford District Care Foundation Trust and Secondary Schools. It is hoped that the work in schools is contributing to less referrals being made to Barnardos, as the figures have tentatively reduced from 147 referrals in 2015/16 as opposed to 170 in 2014/15.

- 3.3 There is still work to do in relation to other partners, Adult Services, further G.P.



engagement, and wider networks through Primary Schools, as well as gathering data from the work completed to date to show successful outcomes. For example measuring the reasons for less referrals.

- 3.4 Young Carers Partnership Group meets three times a year, the Carers Resource is a new partner who is bringing support, advice and services to older young carers in order to ensure a good transition to adult services.

#### **4. Options**

There are no options for consideration this is a statutory duty for the Council and its partners.

#### **5. Contribution to Corporate Priorities**

The work undertaken by the providers and partners in relation to Young Carers, contributes to the Council Priorities by ensuring: Young Carers are safe; that they are supported to achieve the best outcomes they can in relation to their Education; and their emotional well being is monitored with support offered as and when needed.

#### **6. Recommendations**

To comment on the progress and target setting of the Action Plan.

#### **7. Background Documents**

Memorandum of Understanding  
Children and Families Act 2014  
Care Act 2014

#### **8. Not for Publication documents**

None.

#### **9. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Action Plan 2015 – 2016  
Appendix 2 – Bradford Young Carers Service Update Report – July 2016

