

Greater Manchester Young Carers Service Minimum Standards

Must have

1.	Young Carers Service	Service available to all Young Carers requiring support up to the age of 25 with a single point of contact and a clear pathway from children's to adults services to ensure that Young Adult Carers have an assessment of their needs.
2.	Young Carers Assessments	All identified Young Carers to receive a Young Carers assessment that takes a whole family approach, is carried out collaboratively with joint responsibility for identification of Young Carers across children's and adults services, including health and education.
3.	Young Carers Support	Local Authorities to develop a clear and transparent offer of support to Young Carers and their families which is published and readily available for Young Carers and their family.
4.	Participation	Young Carers to be supported to participate in regional events and activities and to contribute to a GM Young Carers Board where they wish to.
5.	Young Carers Strategy	A multiagency Young Carers Strategy is developed with Young Carers themselves and an action plan is regularly monitored by a strategic group including membership from Health, Education and Social Care with clear engagement from Young Carers. The plan needs to address the emotional wellbeing of Young Carers and what support and training they require to support their caring role. The plan should also address the need for awareness raising not only within education settings but with adult social care and colleagues in health including GP's.
6.	Leadership	The Local Authority and CCG to ensure Young Carers have access to Senior Leaders and are regularly consulted on their needs and requirements. This may be through a Young Carers Board or other medium.
7.	Schools	Schools to be supported to identify Young Carers, and encouraged to participate in the Young Carers in Schools programme and adoption of the Carers passport.
8.	Young Carers Champion	The Local Authority to encourage every school and college to identify a Young Carers Champion who actively supports Young Carers in education.

Good to have

1.	Engagement	A plan for engagement with businesses, employers, Further Education and Higher Education establishments to raise awareness of young adult carers' issues.
2.	Young Carers Service	A specific Young Carers Service in place.
3.	Strategic Support	Young Carers identified as a vulnerable group in all key mental health and raising participation strategies, policies and partnerships.