



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR YOUNG CARERS PROJECT

ANDOVER YOUNG CARERS PROJECT offers a service to all young carers aged 8-18 living in the Andover District.

This includes all children and young people whose lives are affected by caring, where the person being cared for has a disability or long-term illness. Caring may be physical or emotional. This will include young people who are caring for a parent, sibling or grandparent and cover all types of disability and long-term limiting illness including mental health and drug or alcohol related illness and problems and learning disability.

### **First priority will be given to those children and young people:**

- Who provide a **SUBSTANTIAL** amount of care – physical, practical, personal or emotional care on a regular basis.  
**Example:** caring for a mother with physical disability or mental health illness in a single parent household with no parental support.

### **Second priority will be given to children and young people:**

- Who provide a **SIGNIFICANT** amount of care – physical, practical, personal or emotional care on a regular basis.  
**Example:** caring for a mother with physical disability or mental health illness in a single parent household with limited parental or sibling support.

### **Third priority will be given to children and young people:**

- Whose lives are affected by their caring role. The caring role here is more irregular and is less than for the first two priorities.  
**Example:** caring for a sibling with autism or a parent with a physical disability but with good parental or sibling support.

### **Other impacts and factors will also be considered e.g. young people:**

- Who exhibit impaired physical/emotional development as a result of their caring responsibility
- Who have special needs themselves
- Who may shortly be bereaved
- Whose caring responsibilities are low but will increase
- Whose development (personal/social/educational) is being impaired as a result of their caring role
- Who are on the Child Protection register
- Whose family is going through a crisis or is under significant pressure
- Who are being bullied
- Who live with domestic violence
- Who live with someone with an addiction to drugs/alcohol
- Who experience education and/or social exclusion

**Resources:** Places on all ANDOVER YOUNG CARERS PROJECT schemes are offered subject to resources being available.

In instances of a disagreement between the family and the Project Manager the final decision will be at the discretion of the ANDOVER YOUNG CARERS PROJECT Management Committee.

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