

TATC – Young Carers

The [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) extends and enhances the rights of carers in Scotland to help improve their health and wellbeing, so that they can continue to care, if they so wish, and have a life alongside caring. For young carers, their intention is that young carers should have a childhood similar to their peers. The Act requires local authorities to provide information and advice about a number of things relevant to carers, including the carers' rights set out in the Carers' Charter [External Link](#).

Local authorities must offer a Young Carer Statement to anyone they identify as a young carer and prepare a Young Carer Statement for anyone who accepts this offer. Young Carers may also self-identify and must also have a Young Carer Statement prepared if they request one and meet the definition in the legislation.

The Young Carer Statement includes:

- 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 for the young carer to have a life alongside caring and to improve their health and wellbeing.
- the support available to young carers locally.
- the support with the responsible local authority intends to provide.

Dundee's Young Carers policy has been carefully matched to the legislation and should be followed at all times.

[Internal Link](#) [External Link](#) 'Young Carers Policy - DCC CFS Jan 2017.

In Dundee schools, young carer status is recorded in SEEMiS and a Young Carer Statement, if required, forms part of the CYPP.

Carers of Dundee Website also has a range of information, resources and toolkits to support practitioners, young carers and their families access information, advice and support.

Should there not also be something here about the role of Young Carer Co-ordinators in co-ordinating the process and also highlight that there is a link worker for each school from Dundee Carers Centre who can assist supporting yp participate in the process

Maybe also mention that families with young carers are also likely to have adult carers and further info about support available to them and how to access/signpost for this is also on COD Website via the multi-agency toolkit.