Child and Adolescent Health and Well-Being: Improving Outcomes for Young Carers

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Thursday 27th February 2014
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

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Overview

Caring can have a significant impact on young people; they face disadvantages which affect their childhood and education as well as their future prospects. Young carers, those under 18 providing regular or ongoing care and emotional support to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misusing substances, can miss out on a huge range of opportunities that many other young people take for granted.

Data from the National Census shows us that the number of young carers is rising; identifying 178,000 in England and Wales alone, an increase of 20% compared to 2001. Statistics show an 83% jump in the number of young carers aged 5-7 and a 55% rise in the number of children caring who are aged 8-9 years. However, research indicates that the figures are likely to be four times the estimated number due to the high volume of ‘hidden carers’ who do not access support.

Through its publication of “Recognised, valued and supported: next steps for the carers strategy” (2010), the Government outlined its commitment to improve outcomes for carers making clear the need to improve support for adults and young carers alike through effective whole family approaches to assessment.

Significantly, young carers in England will now benefit from support after a landmark change to the Children and Families Bill was debated and passed in November 2013. With the Bill due to become law in early 2014, young carers will have stronger rights to assessment and support and when a child is identified as a young carer, the needs of everyone in the family will be considered. With the Care Bill also under consideration by Parliament, this is an ideal opportunity to ensure that young carers get equal consideration and protection.

This timely symposium provides an invaluable opportunity for children’s and adults’ support services, local authorities, social services and the health and education sector to examine the next steps needed to improve support for young carers and help prevent children from taking on the responsibility in the first place. The symposium will explore how educational and employment opportunities can be encouraged for young carers to ensure improved life chances.

Caring can be a very worthwhile thing to do... Yet carers of whatever age can, for the most noble of reasons, overlook their own needs. So it’s absolutely right, then, that the system should be there to protect them. Young carers must be able to live a full life. That certainly includes an education, but also all the other things that their peers take for granted, like having time to go out with friends. Young carers must be protected from those aspects of caring that are inappropriate for a child and, wherever possible, helped with those tasks that all of us find difficult.”

- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, February 2013

Why Attend?

✓ Examine the latest Government strategies for improving outcomes for young carers and promoting well-being in children and young people
✓ Discuss how whole family approaches to assessment to improve support for adults and young carers can be promoted
✓ Explore the vital role of multi-agency working in supporting young carers and adults to prevent young people taking on responsibilities
✓ Discuss better service delivery of front line practitioners through improved training and awareness

Who Should Attend?

- Young Carers Teams
- Social Workers and Social Services Officers
- Children’s Services and Families Services Officers
- CAMHS Practitioners
- Child and Family Health Teams
- Child Protection Teams
- Palliative Care Associations
- Palliative Care Teams
- Safeguarding Adults Boards
- Adult Social Services Responsibilities Leads
- Health Practitioners
- Bereavement Support Teams
- Dementia Care Teams
- Dementia Nurses
- Disability Practitioners
- Commissioning Managers
- Parental Support Workers
- Adult Mental Health Professionals
- Local Safeguarding Children Boards
- School Nurses
- Directors of Children’s Services
- Anti-Social Behaviour Teams (ASB Teams)
- Behaviour Improvement Partnerships
- Behaviour Support Worker and Teacher
- Children’s and Youth Services
- Children’s Health Service Professionals
- Commissioning and Delivery Teams
- General Practitioners
- Local, Regional and National Health Services
- Health Treatment/Advisory Services
- Teachers and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators
- Counselling Services
- Health Promotion Advisers
- Child and Educational Psychologists
-LOOKED After Children in Care Teams
- Drug and Alcohol Action Teams (DAATs)
- Youth Workers and Youth Offending Teams
- Community Safety Teams
- Police Service
- Early Intervention and Prevention Teams
- Early Support Programme Workers
- Early Years and Childcare Practitioners
- Family and Systemic Psychotherapists
- Family Information Service Workers
- Family Intervention Project Workers
- Family Support and Outreach Teams
- Parental Support Advisors
- Parenting Coaches
- Parenting Early Intervention Pathfinder
- Safeguarding Teams
- SEN and Achievement Teams
- Education Welfare Teams
- Educational Family Support Worker
- Educational Psychologists
- Educational Social Workers
- Police Service
- Community Safety Teams
- Youth Offending Teams
- Youth Workers
- Housing Association Workers
- Housing Support Workers
- Local Authorities and Councillors
- Third Sector Practitioners
- Academics and Researchers

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Overview

My department has been working with voluntary sector partners for several years to encourage local services to adopt ‘whole family’ approaches to supporting young carers and their families... While we have seen plenty of appetite for working in this way and some changes to the way local services are designed and delivered, change has been slow. Meanwhile, data from the National Census shows us that the number of young carers is rising.”

- Secretary of State for Education, October 2013

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**Programme**

09:30  Registration and Morning Refreshments

10:15  Chair’s Welcome and Introduction

10:30  Panel Session One:  ‘Hidden from View’ – Improving Outcomes for Young Carers

    • The Government’s Vision for Young Carers – An Insight into the Latest Policy Developments and the Impact on Young Carers
    • Raising Public and Practitioner Awareness and Understanding the Situation of Young Carers’ – Improving Awareness Campaigns on the Issue to Provide Practical and Emotional Support
    • Encouraging Early Identification and Intervention – Recognising the Needs of Young Carers and their Dependents, Addressing Problems Before Crisis Point
    • Removing Barriers to Good Practice – Delivering Personalised Treatment by Identifying Risk Factors, Warning Signs, and Vulnerable Children and Adults
    • Promoting Positive Attitudes Towards Young Carers and their Families, Mitigating the Impact of Stigma and Discrimination

11:15  Morning Refreshments

11:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One

12:30  Networking Lunch

13:30  Panel Session Two:  From National Vision to Local Reality – Strengthening Partnership Working to Improve Support Services

    • Protecting Children and Young People from Taking on Caring Roles that Negatively Impact their own Education, Health and Future Chances
    • Improving Assessment and Meeting Young Carers’ Needs – Encouraging Local Services to Work Together Effectively Across the Statutory and Voluntary Sectors
    • ‘Whole Family Approach’ – Linking with Adult Services to Ensure Parents are Accessing the Relevant Support Available, Providing Essential Support During Potential Trigger Points
    • Preventing Children’s Needs Escalating or Safeguarding Issues Arising – Liaising with Schools so that Teachers can Better Support their Students
    • Empowering Local Communities to Shape Innovative Services and Improving Training of Frontline Practitioners to Ensure Better Service Delivery

14:15  Afternoon Refreshments

14:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two

15:30  Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments

15:40  Networking Reception

16:30  Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

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Surveillance by Consent: A New Code of Practice for CCTV and ANPR  
21st January 2014

Domestic Violence and Young People: Tackling Teenage Relationship Abuse  
23rd January 2014

Improving Attendance and Behaviour in Schools  
28th January 2014

Quality, Safety, Choice: Delivering a World-Class Midwifery Service  
30th January 2014

Fulfilling our Commitment to the Armed Services Community: The Challenge for Local Authorities  
4th February 2014

The Future of Local Parking Enforcement  
5th February 2014

The Next Steps to Eliminate Human Trafficking: Targeting Modern Day Slavery in the UK  
6th February 2014

Fit for Purpose: Shaping the Future of General Practice Services  
11th February 2014

The Future Use of Digital and Social Media in Local Government and Public Sector Communications  
12th February 2014

Prevention, Protection, Prosecution: The Next Steps to Tackle Hate Crime in Every Community  
13th February 2014

Raising Animal Welfare Standards at the Time of Slaughter or Killing  
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