

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

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YOUNG CARERS' ID CARD

1. BACKGROUND

The national Young Carers Strategy for Scotland 2010 - 2015 created a framework for action in achieving better outcomes for Young Carers and committed to ensuring that young carers are relieved of inappropriate caring roles and are supported to be children and young people first and foremost. The Young Carers Strategy aimed to build on progress since the publication in 2005 of the Care 21 Report: *The Future of Unpaid Care in Scotland*. Some of the Scottish Government initiatives to support young carers include:

- funding of the Eryc and Trayc initiative in primary schools (Eryc and Trayc are two cartoon characters used to highlight the needs of young carers); and
- funding of the annual Scotland-wide Young Carers' Festival

2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

- As part of "Getting it Right for Young Carers" services in Angus have been listening to and supporting young carers with a view to improving services and the support available to them.
- Young Carers have led, with the support of the Angus Carers Centre, the development of the Young Carers Policy for schools. Through sharing their experiences with schools young carers have helped probationary teachers and other professionals improve their understanding of the caring role and what it means to be a young carer.
- Young Carers in Angus told us that they face challenges in health and education settings. They told us that having a card that explained that they were a young carer would help reduce the number of times they have to explain their situation.
- In response to this Young Carers, Angus Carers Centre, Angus Council and NHS staff worked together to produce the Angus Young Carers ID Card.
- Agreement was reached between Angus Council and Angus CHP that when a young carer shows their card in a health, social care or education setting in Angus, that professionals will have an understanding that the person is a young carer and what this means.
- Professionals are required to familiarise themselves with what the card looks like, they should consider their wellbeing and ensure they are safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included.
- The Angus Young Carers ID Card was launched on Friday 22nd August. Attached to this report is an example of what the young carers card looks like.

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Young Carers Identification Card



Eryc Angus

D.O.B - 01/01/04

Exp Date - 25/06/14



Angus Carers Centre
supporting carers
www.anguscarers.org.uk



From time to time I might need:



I care for Trayc
This is my Sister

If you have any queries with regards to this identification please call
Angus Carers Centre 01241 439 157.

If lost please return to Angus Carers Centre, 3 Fisherscove, Arbroath, DD11 1LE

From time to time I might need:



I care for Trayc
This is my Sister

I have consent to discuss the following which relate to the person I care for:

Medication Diagnosis Prognosis

If you have any queries with regards to this identification please call
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Basic Card

A basic card could be used to:

Enable teachers and schools to know which children and young people may need additional support;

- Enable young carers to stop having to explain their situation over and over again to professionals;
- Validate young carers and recognise their role.

Enhanced Card

An enhanced card would be appropriate for young carers who would benefit from being involved in discussions and decisions around the person they care for. With the consent of the cared-for person, health professionals will be able to share information about medication, diagnosis and prognosis. The level and nature of information to be shared will be detailed on the card.