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Transition to Older Young Carers

South Lanarkshire outcome: **Safe**
 South Lanarkshire outcome: **Healthy**
 South Lanarkshire outcome: **Achieving**
 South Lanarkshire outcome: **Nurtured**
 South Lanarkshire outcome: **Active**
 South Lanarkshire outcome: **Respected**
 South Lanarkshire outcome: **Responsible**
 South Lanarkshire outcome: **Included**



GUIDELINES FOR REFERRERS

1. Introduction

These guidelines are intended for any young carer, parent, professional or agency wishing to make a referral to South Lanarkshire Young Carers (SLYC). The main referral method is Via a GIRFEC Request for Assistance (For professionals) & Service Referral Form (For Non-Professionals). Parent \ Young Carers can also make a referral on our website at www.southlanarkshireyoungcarers.org.uk. Please note: If you have read these guidelines and are still unsure about how to proceed or are a young carer wishing to make a referral on your own behalf, please contact our office for assistance on 01698 891385. You can also visit www.southlanarkshireyoungcarers.org for more information.

2. Who can make a referral?

Any person can make a referral to SLYC on behalf of a young carer. This includes parents, guardians or other family members, social workers, community workers, health workers, GPs, teachers, and voluntary sector workers. Professionals should use the GIRFEC Request for assistance form which must be filled in with required detail. Our non-professionals online form can be found at www.southlanarkshireyoungcarers.org

4. Service availability

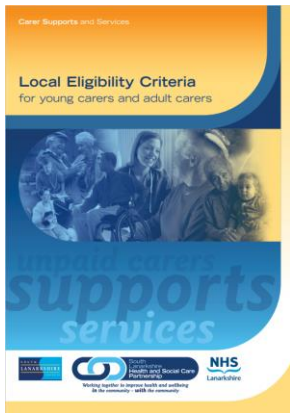
Because of the high demand for the services, we provide we have to prioritise young carers with the highest needs. Once you have made a referral, we will look at the information you have provided in the referral form and decide from this if the young carer is a priority and **if we have sufficient capacity to proceed**. If the young carer is not a priority or we do not have the capacity to proceed with the referral we will get back to you at the earliest opportunity. We run a waiting list reviewed after 3 months and every month up to a maximum of 6 months.

5. Definition of a young carer

Young carers are people, under the age of 18 years, who are providing care and support to parents, siblings, or other family members who have a physical or learning disability, illness, mental health difficulty, sensory impairment or who misuse drugs and alcohol.

The term ‘young carer’ includes primary carers – who carry out the majority or all the caring tasks – and secondary carers – who whilst not being the primary carer are adversely affected by the caring situation and responsibilities.

6. Prioritisation criteria



SLYC prioritises those with the greatest need firstly. At SLYC we will combine the Young Carers Statement with our own assessment document which indicates level of caring. The South Lanarkshire Council Young Carers Eligibility Indicators also play a part in referral. South Lanarkshire’s eligibility Criteria for Young carers is separated into four categories of need:

- **LOW**
- **MODERATE**
- **SUBSTANCIAL**
- **CRITICAL**

What is a Young Carer Statement?

The young carer statement will contain a variety of information about a young carer’s circumstances & must contain information about: -

- the nature and extent of the care provided and the impact on wellbeing and day-to-day life.
- the extent to which you are able and willing to provide care.
- whether the responsible authority thinks that it is appropriate for child or young person, to be a carer
- emergency and future care planning, including any arrangements that are in place.
- what 'personal outcomes' matter in order continue to provide care,
- whether support should be provided as a break from caring & support available to you locally.
- any support which the responsible authority intends to provide



When a young carer turns 18 years of age, any young carer statement will continue until young person is provided with an adult carer support plan. If a young person does not wish to continue providing care, they can choose not to have an adult carer support plan. SLYC in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council will offer and complete Young Carer Statements. Please call 01698 891385 if you wish to know more or visit www.southlanarkshireyoungcarers.org for more information.

7. Accessing SLYC

Access to SLYC will depend on two factors:

1. The level of priority needs of the young carer.
2. The availability of the service required.

SLYC operates two tiers of service provision:

- **Tier One** – Group-work and \ or 1:1 Support
- **Tier Two** – IN-School Support.



9. The referral process and service pathway

(Please refer to the Service Flowchart below)

