

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

NB: As young carer organisations, we have responded specifically to the questions relating to young carers. Therefore, we will not have answered every question. We have also included an additional document listing the areas we have covered. (Margaret Murphy- EYCP)

The Carer's Assessment: Carer's Support Plan

Question 1: Should we change the name of the carer's assessment to the Carer's Support Plan?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 2: Should we remove the substantial and regular test so that all carers will be eligible for the Carer's Support Plan?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 3: Should we remove that part of the existing carer assessment process whereby the cared-for person is a person for whom the local authority must or may provide community care services/children's services?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 4: Should we introduce two routes through to the Carer's Support Plan – at the carer's request and by the local authority making an offer?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 5: Should we remove from statute the wording about the carer's ability to provide care?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 6: Should we introduce a duty for local authorities to inform the carer of the length of time it is likely to take to receive the Carer's Support Plan and if it exceeds this time, to be advised of the reasons?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 7: How significant an issue is portability of assessment for service users and carers?

Comments: Very significant. This would save the family having to receive several assessments if not required. These can be quite stressful.

Question 8: Should the Scottish Government and COSLA with relevant interests work together to take forward improvements to the portability of assessment?

Yes

No

Comments:

Young Carer Questions:

1. Should there be a duty on local authorities for every school to have a **young carer identification plan**?

YES – however thought would need to be given to how it would be implemented i.e. would there be one individual responsible for the implementation of the plan?? There should be a named individual. We would suggest that possibly look at guidance staff as they have more time to commit. We also suggest that the school links to their local young carer project who are normally working within the school already.

2. Should there be a duty on local authorities provide young carers with a **Carers Support Plan** before they reach 18?

A cautious yes, existing GIRFEC frameworks and Child's Plans should address this need, but, there are many areas (Education) that Child's Plans are not in place so a separate YC assessment/carers plan should be available. Not sure this should be a 'duty', just better practice within existing frameworks.

Information and Advice

Question 9: Should we introduce a duty for local authorities to establish and maintain a service for providing people with information and advice relating to the Carer's Support Plan and support for carers and young carers?

Yes

No

➤ **Comments:** Not a Duty to provide it but a duty to ensure the information and advice is available to the young carer i.e. Depending on needs of the person it could range from guidance teacher to specialist agencies who would provide this information. We would need to know who to speak to, what is available etc. Young carers are keen to find out more information about the conditions suffered by the Cared for Person so accessible information around this would be really useful.

Question 10: Should we repeal section 12 of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 about the submission of Carer information Strategies to Scottish Ministers, subject to reassurances, which are subject in turn to Spending Review decisions, about the continuation of funding to Health Boards for support to carers and young carers?

Yes

No

Comments:

Support to Carers (other than information and advice)

Question 11: Should we introduce a duty to support carers and young carers, linked to an eligibility framework?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 12: Alternatively, should we retain the existing discretionary power to support carers and young carers?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 13: Should we introduce a duty to provide short breaks?

Yes

No

Comments: if this is felt useful and beneficial to the young carer and cared for individual

Stages and Transitions

Question 14: Should we issue statutory guidance on the Carer's Support Plan which will include guidance for those undertaking the Carer's Support Plan on managing stages of caring? This would apply to adult carers only. (For young carers, practice guidance will be developed to support management of a Child's Plan through the stages of caring).

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 15: Should new carers' legislation provide for young carers to have a Carer's Support Plan if they seem likely to become an adult carer? Any agreed support recorded in the Carer's Support Plan would be put in place after the young carer becomes a (young) adult carer.

Yes

No

Comments: Yes in relation to YC's having a Carers support plan if they seem likely to become an adult carer. However we need to make sure the GIRFEC approach is working within the schools for those under 18 in education. Every young carer should be entitled to a YC assessment which is stated within the Young carers Strategy and if the GIRFEC system is the framework for this assessment, then responsible staff need to be clear on how this will work. We would suggest that there needs to be further clarification to staff on how this system works and how it will be used to carry out a young carer assessment.

Carer Involvement

Question 16: Should there be carer involvement in the planning, shaping and delivery of services for the people they care for and support for carers in areas outwith the scope of integration?

Yes

No

- Comments: YES – Social media, Scottish Youth Parliament, young carer organisations, youth forums, young carers festival. It is important to be realistic and upfront about what is possible as far as what involvement they can have.
- Young carer projects would need to know how the bill plans to involve young carers so that we can prepare them or advocate on their behalf

Question 17: Should we make provision for the involvement of carers' organisations in the planning, shaping and delivery of services and support falling outwith the scope of integration?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 18: Should we establish a principle about carer and young carer involvement in care planning for service users (subject to consent) and support for themselves in areas not covered in existing legislation?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 19: What are your views on making provision for young carer involvement in the planning, shaping and delivery of services for cared-for people and support for young carers?

- Comments: Social media, Scottish Youth Parliament, young carer organisations, young carer forums, Scottish young carers festival. It is important to be realistic and upfront about what is possible as far as what involvement they can have. Young carer agencies are skilled in including and involving young carers in service development etc, so these projects are key to this discussion.

Planning and Delivery

Question 20: Should we introduce statutory provision to the effect that a local authority and each relevant Health Board must collaborate and involve relevant organisations and carers in the development of local carers strategies which must be kept under review and updated every three years?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 21: Should we introduce statutory provision to the effect that local authorities with Health Boards must take steps to ensure, in so far as is reasonably practicable, that a sufficient range of services is available for meeting the needs for support to carers and young carers in the area?

Yes

No

Comments:

Identification

Question 22: Should there be no legislative provision for GPs or local authorities to maintain a Carers Register in order to support the identification of carers?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 23: Should the Scottish Government ensure that good practice is widely spread amongst Health Boards about the proactive use of Registers of Carers within GP practices?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 24: Should the Scottish Government ask Health Boards to monitor compliance with the core contractual elements of the GP contract?

Yes

No

Comments:

Carer and Cared-for Person(s) in Different Local Authority Areas

Question 25: What are the views of respondents on the lead local authority for undertaking the Carer's Support Plan and agreeing support to the carer where the carer lives in a different local authority area to the cared-for person(s)?

Comments:

Question 26: What are the views of respondents on which local authority should cover the costs of support to the carer in these circumstances?

Comments:

Question 27: Should the Scottish Government with COSLA produce guidance for local authorities?

Yes

No

Comments: