

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

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**REPORT OF DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES: YOUNG CARERS AND
YOUNG ADULT CARERS REPORT**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Corporate Parenting Board members with an update on the work with young carers in RCT during 2023/2024.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Members:

Acknowledge the information contained within the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 This is an information report.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 The support service for young carers (aged 5-17) continues to be provided on a commissioned basis by Action for Children. Specific support is available via an externally funded post for Young Adult Carers (aged 18-25). Sibling carer support (children whose sibling has additional needs) is now provided entirely by Action for Children on a commissioned basis.

4.2 The assessment function for young carers remains within the Information, Assistance and Advice Service for Children's Services.

4.3 The all-age carers hub in Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd, remains as a highly valued asset to unpaid carers across RCT. The main Carers Support Project, the Young Carers and Sibling Support Services, and the Young Adult Carers Project Worker are all co-located at the hub.

4.4 The full report for RCT Young Carers and Young Adult Carers 2023/2024 is attached in Appendix A. Members may wish to note the below key details:

- There has consistently been an increased demand on services for Young Carers.
- The grant funding for the Young Adult Worker post awarded for 2024/25 remains uncertain. Families First are reviewing the services they commission and have advised that further information will be provided by the end of June 24.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This is an information report.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 This is an information report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

7.1 There are no direct financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

8.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 came into force in April 2016 and is intended to transform the way services are delivered. It repeals the majority of community care legislation including the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure 2010.

8.2 The National Strategy for Unpaid Carers 2021 has become increasingly important for developing strategies and delivering support to carers of all ages going forward.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/ FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

9.1 The business covered in this report contributes to the following well-being goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales.

- A healthier Wales.
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A globally responsible Wales

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Young Carers and Young Adult Carers are now receiving a fully restored carer support service.

10.2 Work to improve the young carer offer will continue.

10.3 The National Strategy for Unpaid Carers 2021 will inform regional and local unpaid carers strategies and priorities.