



Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children’s Services

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	16 June 2023
Subject:	Young Carers Annual Update 2022

Summary:

This report provides the Committee with an overview of the work undertaken to identify and support Young Carers in Lincolnshire. The Young Carers Annual Update for 2022 is attached at Appendix A.

Actions required:

The Committee is invited to review the Young Carers Annual Update for 2022 and seek assurance on the measures being undertaken to identify and support young carers in Lincolnshire.

1. Background

A Young Carer is someone who is under the age of 18 and who provides support and care to a friend or family member, who, due to illness, disability, mental health need or drug or alcohol dependence, requires support to meet one or more of their own needs.

The support a Young Carer offers to their family is invaluable, though we do know that it can be isolating and some of the support they offer can be unrecognised by those outside the family. Identifying who may be a young carer is not always easy, as it requires a parent or carer to highlight the caring role that is happening and there could be many reasons why a parent would be reluctant to do so.

In Lincolnshire, we work hard with our partner agencies to understand and recognise when a child or young person is a young carer and to listen to their voice about what their life is like and how others can help their family as a whole.

2. Conclusion

As the annual report highlights, Young Carer activity is strong in Lincolnshire, and we have an ever-growing proportion of our partner agencies who are recognising when a child or young person is a young carer and want to support them more and more. We are working

to identify young carers at the earliest opportunity and looking to celebrate the support these special young people provide within their family systems.

Looking forward, we would want to further build on our relationships with other partner agencies to increase their understanding and confidence in recognising and speaking to a family about their young carer.

3. Consultation

- a) **Risk and Impact Analysis**
Not applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Young Carer Annual Update 2022

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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