YOUNGH CARERS





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The Carers Trust estimates that there are 100,000 young carers in Scotland

Children as young as 5 are accessing counselling support to help them to cope with their caring role

In Scotland, young carers are entitled to support, information and respite.

They are entitled to a Young Carers Statement

Young carers are more likely to come from a single parent household and often care for more than one person







Edinburgh Young Carers

Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives and futures of young carers through support, information, respite and personal development and training.

- Provide support to 5 25 years old
- Working with over 300 young carers per year
- Range of services, including: individual and group support, residentials and day trips, information, awareness-raising, advocacy
- Support is young person centred, determined by priority or need, and not time-limited
- Specialist Drug & Alcohol Development Workers, Therapeutic
 Play Project and In-House Counsellor



What does a referral to us mean?





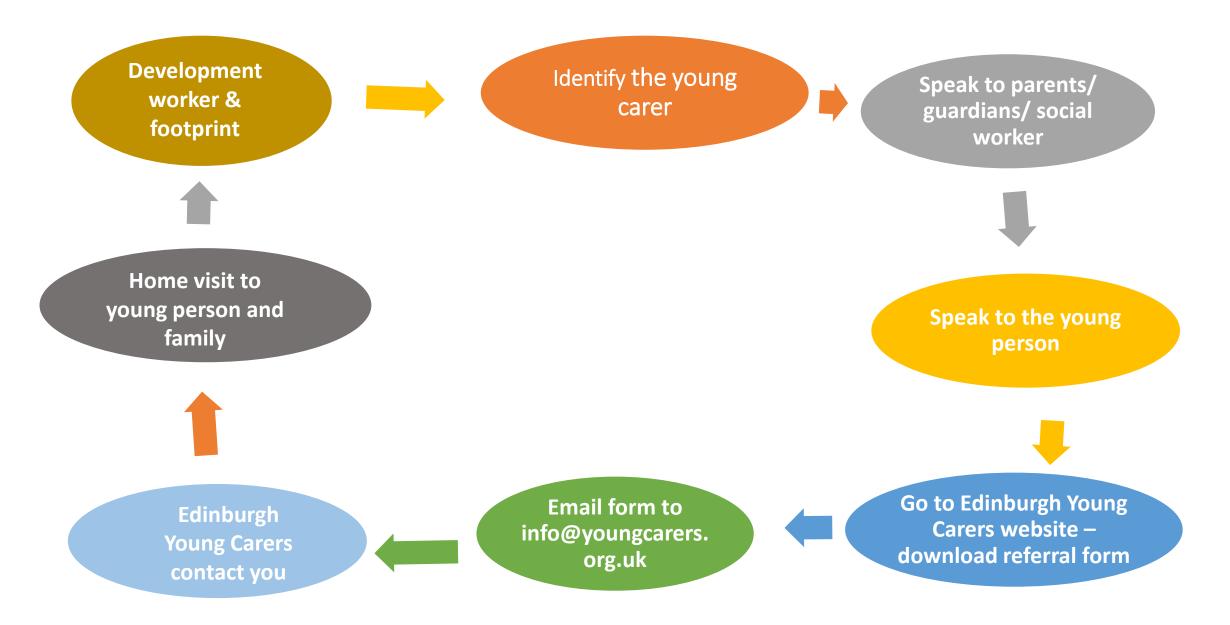








How to make a referral



How you can help....

- Ask who is providing care?
- If an adult is accompanied by a child ask what the child does at home?
- Have leaflets and posters available of supportive services
- Provide opportunities for children to ask questions
- Consider young people during hospital discharge
- Be mindful of 'hidden illness'
- Consider inappropriate caring roles- safeguarding

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