

Enfield Young Carers Assessment Process

Given the Government has established a statutory requirement for Young Carers (who may be delivering inappropriate caring which is impacting negatively on their lives) to request an Assessment of their situation; the process in Enfield is outlined below:

A Young Carer self-identifies or is identified by any worker in Children's social Care, Adult Services (Learning/Physical Disabilities or Mental Health), Education, Health.



To obtain an assessment, the worker completes (with the young person's family's permission) an Early Help Form, available on the Enfield Council Website (*insert link*) which is returned electronically to the Single Point of Entry (SPOE).



The Independent Assessor is based within the Multi-Agency SPOE team and, on having checked whether the young carer and those they support are already known to Services and the type of support they receive, will screen all the referrals to make a decision as to a) whether advice and information only is required, in which case they will be referred to DAZU, to provide this or b) if more detailed, they will triage support to the family through a TAF (Team Around the Family) Meeting. In these instances, the MACA/PANOC will be progressed.



The Independent Assessor may meet with the young person and their family, the meeting may include their Social Worker, if there is one, or any other professional, e.g. teacher. An assessment will be completed using the 'whole family approach'.



When completed a copy is provided for the Young Carer.



Actions will be agreed and recorded to reduce inappropriate caring and any negative impacts of caring (a review date to be agreed).



Actions will include active consideration regarding additional support services e.g. DAZU Young Carers Project, early Review or re-Assessment of the Adult Cared for.



Transition Assessments for Young Carers will be undertaken prior to entry to Adult Carer Services (when appropriate, between 16 – 18 Years).