



## **Children in care / Young carers policy**

Turning Heads directors are responsible for ensuring that those benefiting from us or working with us are not harmed in any way. The directors of Turning Heads have a legal duty to act prudently, and this means that they must take all reasonable steps within their power to ensure that no one is harmed. It is particularly important where beneficiaries are vulnerable persons or children in the community.

This policy aims to ensure young carers are identified at an early stage and offered appropriate support to access the education and support to which they are entitled.

Most children as young carers are caring for a parent, but some may be taking responsibility for a sibling, grandparent or other relative. In some instances, a young carer may care for more than one family member. The person they look after will have one or more of the following:

Physical disability (including sensory disability)

Learning disability

Mental health problem Chronic illness

Substance misuse problem

At Turning Heads we believe that all young people have the right to education and support, regardless of what is happening at home. When a young person looks after someone who has a serious illness, disability, a mental health issue, or substance misuse problem, they may need extra support to help them get the most out of their time.

Our Young Carers Policy says how we will support any learner who helps to look after someone who could not cope without their support.

A named member of staff has responsibility for ensuring that the policies are reviewed and in place.

It is important that all staff who are in contact with a child or young person are aware that he/she is a young carer. However, it is important that information around the

reasons for the young person being a carer is shared on a need to know basis and in accordance with the wishes of the young person.

Turning Heads will ensure that attendance of young carers is regularly monitored and any issues with regards to absence are addressed.

We will follow the safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults policy & procedure if any young carer is at risk of significant harm due to inappropriate levels of caring.

It is important that a child / young person is aware that information is being recorded regarding their personal circumstances. It should be explained that Turning Heads are working together to promote his / her education and that it is important to establish the child/young person's view of their circumstances and identify what they want others to know.

A young carer might be providing the main care or share responsibilities with another family member. The caring tasks that a young carer has to deal with can range from:

Nursing care

Personal intimate care

Emotional care

Domestic care

Financial care Child care

**The appointed person for Children in Care Turning Heads is:**

***An appointed person*** should be made known to members, volunteers and parents alike; as the designated person to whom concerns should be addressed. If the concern is about this designated person, please report to **Alan Tilley, Turning Heads**.

***Name: Alan Tilley Contact number: 07817777739***

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