# YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY

13 March 2024

Fair Futures for Young Carers

Being a young carer shouldn't be a barrier to a young person's dreams. It should be a stepping stone to a brighter future.



### WHAT IS A YOUNG CARER?

A young carer is a person under 18 who provides care for someone, usually a family member with an illness, disability, mental health issue or addiction.

#### EARLY IDENTIFICATION

Early identification is crucial to provide support before a child becomes vulnerable. However, identifying young carers can be challenging for all professionals.

## IMPACT

National evidence and local audits show that having a caring role can impact on a child's physical and mental wellbeing, social relationships, education and employment prospects.

#### **HSCP TRAINING**

An Introduction to identifying and Supporting Young Carers

supports professionals and service providers on identifying young carers, understanding the impacts of a caring role, and providing multi-agency responses. Hampshire Young Carers Alliance will also share information about young carers' rights and the support they offer across the county.

#### Can you help?

## HCC YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY





Hampshire County Council's Young Carers Strategy is being updated. If you are interested in enhancing the lives of young carers and participating in this project, email <u>HSCP@hants.gov.uk</u> by 31 March 2024.



Hampshire Young Carers Alliance