

9:15am—15:15pm

St Peters Baptist Church,
St Peters Drive Worcester,
WR5 3TZ

Fee: £15 per delegate—
includes all day access, conference pack, lunch and refreshments

YSS Conference 21st May 2014

“Worcestershire Young Carers”

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What is a Young Carer?

“ The term young carer should be taken to include children and young people under 18 who provide regular and ongoing care and emotional support to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances.... a young carer becomes vulnerable when the level of care giving and responsibility to the person in need of care becomes excessive or inappropriate for that child, risking impacting on his or her emotional or physical or educational achievements and life chances.’

BACKGROUND

YSS currently work with 224 young carers aged 7 –24 in Worcestershire. In the 2011 census there were 3,490 self disclosed young carers aged 0-24 in Worcestershire, an increase of 18% on the 2001 census figures for the county. This tells us that potentially thousands of Young Carers in Worcestershire remain unidentified, which is a shocking statistic particularly when we take into account the definition of a young carer above and how vulnerable they can be .

AIMS OF THE DAY

Young carers themselves have planned and will help deliver the day.

The main aims for the day are:

To challenge perceptions around young carers, who they are and what they do

To explore the barriers they face

How can YOU make a difference: to look at what YOU can do to identify and support them

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Young carers have identified those who have an influence on their lives as their target audience.

These include: Head Teachers, Teachers, Pastoral care staff, School Nurses, Educational Welfare Officers; Health workers, GP's and Adult Social Care staff who are working with the cared for family members as well as anybody working in a strategic role in health including commissioners, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Health and Wellbeing Boards , Substance Misuse workers or Mental Health workers .

Confirmed Speakers:

Hannah Needham (*WCC Strategic Manager: Early Help and Programme Management*),

Diana Fulbrook (*Independent Chair of Worcestershire Local Safeguarding Children Board*)

Toni-Marie Smith (*Programme Operational Co-ordinator, Young Carers in Focus, The Children's Society*)

Amanda Williams (*School Nurse Young Carers Champion Worcestershire*)



How to book: Please complete the attached booking form

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