
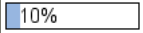









SAHSCP Young Carers Strategy 2021-2026

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1. I am safe, healthy and active						
Action	Assigned To	Due Date	Status	Progress	Latest Note	
YCS 1.1	Develop a comprehensive programme of activity to support the identification/ recognition and registration of young carers in all sectors.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021		<div style="width: 50%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 50%	31-Jan-2022 Work is ongoing to establish the following: Appointment of Young Carers Coordinator to lead programme. Delivery of Community Planning Briefing raising awareness of YC. SAHSCP Comms officer developing local campaign. Work to identify use of IT systems to provide easier identification and tracking of YC through transition etc. Awareness raising with pupils support coordinators continues. Young Carers Centre remain the first contact point.
YCS 1.2	Ensure that all policies take young carers into account.	John Wood	31-Mar-2026		<div style="width: 10%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 10%	08-Feb-2022 Update provided by Stephanie Cox 08/02/22: Work is currently underway to review the equality impact assessment process to take into account a range of different needs, including those of young carers, when developing policies.
YCS 1.3	Develop clear pathways and protocols for supporting young carers in health and social care, education and relevant Community Planning partner services.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021		<div style="width: 75%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 75%	08-Feb-2022 GIRFEC and Team Around the Child are the pathways for assessment and support for young carers. Work needs done to ensure that pathways for needs arising from YCS are in place. Pathways are currently being reviewed by the strategy group and a new CAMHS referral pathway is being developed for carers in partnership with North and East Ayrshire.
YCS 1.4	Continue to develop procedures for the Young Carer Statement to ensure that young carers receive person-centred, coordinated, and tailored support, through their Childs Plan, to maintain and/or improve their physical/mental health.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2026		<div style="width: 50%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 50%	31-Jan-2022 Review of current procedure for YCS in progress with potential use of MOMO. YC Coordinator and business support will provide greater assurance round YCS.
YCS 1.5	Develop and implement a process to collect and report on carer information as required by Scottish Government on an annual basis.	John Wood	31-Dec-2021		<div style="width: 10%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 10%	08-Feb-2022 Update provided by Stephanie Cox 08/02/22 Young Carer Statement will be added to CareFirst to allow data

						analysis. Carers Centre and Education currently collect information that is relevant to Scottish Government return.
YCS 1.6	Review the Local Eligibility Criteria on an annual basis and revise the document where necessary, ensuring that young carers, relevant staff and partners are consulted with on any changes.	Gary Hoey; John Wood	31-Mar-2022	✓		24-Feb-2022 Eligibility Criteria does not apply to the provision of assessment and support in relation to young carers. National GIRFEC practice is built upon the provision of the right support at the right time and early intervention.
YCS 1.7	Develop a clear pathway for young carers linked to palliative care and life-limiting illness, including bereavement support.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2023	▶		31-Jan-2022 Multiagency short life working group to be formed to develop process for identification and forum for planning support.
YCS 1.8	Review the Short Break Statement on an annual basis and revise the document where necessary, ensuring that young carers, relevant staff and partners are notified of any changes.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2022	▶		31-Jan-2022 Short Break Statement has been reviewed 2022/2023.
YCS 1.9	Ensure that arrangements, such as home respite, are in place to support the cared for person when a young carer is on a short break or taking time out from their caring role.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2022	✓		31-Jan-2022 Where identified in Child's Plan and YCS arrangements are in place with commissioned services to provide short break / time out.
YCS 1.10	Work in partnership with South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) to identify and put in place appropriate support for young carers where either parental, or their own, substance misuse is an issue.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021	▶		31-Jan-2022 Rep from ADP to sit on Young Carers Strategy Implementation Group. SLWG to be convened to look at linkage and crossover.
YCS 1.11	Develop a safe South Ayrshire online chat forum for young carers.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021	✓		31-Jan-2022 During lockdown Young Carers Centre developed online forums to support. Whatsapp group established by them and in current use.
YCS 1.12	Provide free leisure access to all young carers in line with provision for looked after children.	Alistair Mutch	31-Dec-2021	✓		14-Jan-2022 Activ8 membership is now fully operational providing free leisure access to all young carers.
YCS 1.13	Put in place a central gateway for young carers to access support through universal and targeted services.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2022	▶		31-Jan-2022 GIRFEC and Team Around the Child is the pathways for assessment and support for young carers. Work needs done to ensure that pathways for needs arising from YCS are in place.
YCS 1.14	Encourage all Community Planning Partners to work towards a Carer Positive Award.	Susan McCardie	31-Dec-2022	▶		14-Jan-2022 Update from Susan McCardie It is planned to raise awareness of the Carer Positive Accreditation with Community Planning Board providing members with an overview of the process.

YCS 1.15	Identify funding to improve support for young carers.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="45%"/>	08-Feb-2022 COVID money has been identified and used for various needs (e.g. respite funding) where available. The Scottish or National Government as well as others streams for Young Carers have been accessed and distributed by the Carers Centre to young carers and their families. Currently there is funding available through the Winter Wellbeing Support Fund which has been shared across the HSCP, Council and Partners to support respite activities as well as offering a hardship fund.
YCS 1.16	Link to the work of the Champions Board for Care Experienced Children and young people where areas of focus are the same or similar.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021		<input type="text" value="30%"/>	31-Jan-2022 Recruitment and selection of YC worker underway. Will be collocated with Champs Board and subject to same monitoring / governance structure/
YCS 1.17	Consider the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on young carers.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2021		<input type="text" value="75%"/>	04-Nov-2021 The Young Carers Strategy Group has continued to meet through out the pandemic. All children and young people considered to be vulnerable have had regular contact from CHJS / Children and families. The Carers Centre continued to engage with Young Carers ensuring they had digital access and any requests for assistance were met. The Carers Centre convened online support.







2. I am nurtured, achieving and respected

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YCS 2.1	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021		<input type="text" value="40%"/>	24-Feb-2022 Young Carers Lead post is currently being recruited with closing date of 1/3/22. Interviews scheduled week commencing 14th March
YCS 2.2	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="40%"/>	24-Feb-2022 Young Carers Lead post is currently being recruited with closing date of 1/3/22. Interviews scheduled week commencing 14th March
YCS 2.3	Jamie Tait	30-Jun-2021		<input type="text" value="20%"/>	17-Feb-2022 Update provided by Jamie Tait 17/02/22: South Ayrshire Council have approved Young Carers Modern Apprentice Guarantee to support young carers in to Modern Apprenticeships. The main challenge we are have at the moment with this action to support young carers through education, training and employment including our modern apprenticeship programme is how we identify

						young people who are young carers. Thriving Communities have updated registration paperwork that now asks young people or parents/guardians to identify themselves as young carers. Changes to staffing at the Young Carers Centre has delayed progress however this is something we will continue to explore and hopefully adopt new practices to help improve outcomes for Young Carers.
YCS 2.4	Develop arrangements for identifying key transition points for young carers early.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021		<input type="text" value="50%"/>	31-Jan-2022 GIRFEC and Statutory Planning should focus on transition points for all children. Consideration of specific guidance e.g. Employment / College.
YCS 2.5	Continue to monitor young carers' experiences through a variety of methods including, focus groups, surveys, comments, concerns and complaints and use this information to ensure we are making progress on our actions.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="40%"/>	24-Feb-2022 Young Carers Lead post is currently being recruited with closing date of 1/3/22. Interviews scheduled week commencing 14th March
YCS 2.6	Develop a range of age appropriate resources and clear information for young carers which can be easily accessed when required.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021		<input type="text" value="40%"/>	24-Feb-2022 Young Carers Lead post is currently being recruited with closing date of 1/3/22. Interviews scheduled week commencing 14th March

3. I am responsible and included

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YCS 3.1	Stephanie Cox; Rebecca Hunter	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="30%"/>	08-Feb-2022 Update provided by Stephanie Cox 08/02/22: HSCP Communications Officer has established awareness calendar that highlights young carer and adult carer specific awareness days and will develop content to raise awareness. There will be a carers specific Spotlight article released in March 2022 that will highlight carers and signposting for support.
YCS 3.2	Susan McCardie	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	14-Jan-2022 Work continues to be progressed and actions will be further developed once the Young Carers Development Worker post has been recruited.
YCS 3.3	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021		<input type="text" value="100%"/>	31-Jan-2022 Identification sticker is available

	provide carers with local discounts.					
YCS 3.4	Develop a clear pathway to support young carers at the point of hospital discharge.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	31-Jan-2022 Multiagency SLWG to be formed to scope / establish pathway and protocol.
YCS 3.5	Establish a Young Carers Reference Group, with representation from young carers and the organisations, who support young carers and strengthen links with other relevant groups e.g. Youth Forum.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="40%"/>	24-Feb-2022 Young Carers Lead post is currently being recruited with closing date of 1/3/22. Interviews scheduled week commencing 14th March
YCS 3.6	Identify opportunities to improve equalities of outcomes for young carers with protected characteristics and identify opportunities to promote good relations.	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="75%"/>	31-Jan-2022 Council policy and procedure such as Equality Impact Assessments and the Integration of the UNCRC principles to policy to partially achieve. Further work to be done with reference group to identify inequality and consider how to address through positive action
YCS 3.7	The new HSCP Strategic Advocacy Plan will ensure that advocacy support for young carers is a priority.	John Wood	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="0%"/>	15-Feb-2022 Work did not progress on the HSCP Strategic Advocacy Plan due to COVID-19. Work will now commence this year and all carers will be considered as part of the plan.
YCS 3.8	Establish a training programme for young carers. Including manual handling, fire safety, housing issues and finance / benefit advice etc.	Susan McCardie	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	14-Jan-2022 Work continues to be progressed and actions will be further developed once the Young Cares Development Worker post has been recruited.
YCS 3.9	Consider ways to improve transport for young carers, particularly in rural areas, to ensure they can access services; support and activities (could include mixed age options with Older People).	Susan McCardie	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="40%"/>	14-Jan-2022 Work continues to be progressed and actions will be further developed once the Young Cares Development Worker post has been recruited.