

Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

1	Title of Work Programme Item	Young Carers in Plymouth
2	Responsible Director (s)	Bronwen Lacey, Director of Services for Children and Young People
3	Responsible Officer Tel No.	Mairead McNeil, Assistant Director
4	Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Mrs Watkins, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
5	Aim	To examine the way young carers in Plymouth are identified and how the need to provide support and services are met.
6	Objectives	<p>To review the relevant part of the Carers Strategy.</p> <p>To ascertain how effective current strategies are in identifying young carers.</p> <p>Review the provision of support and services provided.</p> <p>How effective is multi-agency working in identifying support for young carers in the city.</p> <p>To consider what can be done to improve identification and support for young carers.</p>
7	Benefits	To raise awareness of the existence of young carers and their needs. To help to foster multi-agency working.
8	Beneficiaries	<p>Young carers in the city of Plymouth.</p> <p>Families of young carers.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council and its partners.</p>

9	Criteria for Choosing Topics	Item on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny work programme.		
10	Scope	Definition – A young carer or young caregiver is a child or young person (up to the age of 18 or in some programs 25) whose life is affected by looking after someone with a disability or a long-term illness		
11	Exclusions			
12	Programme Dates	Task and finish to take place over 2 days in October 2010.		
	Timescales and Interdependences	Milestones	Target Date for Achievement	Responsible Officer
13	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel Task and Finish Group on Modernisation of Adult Social Care – TBC		
14	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel / Membership if Task and Finish Group	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel		
15	Lead Officer for Panel	Claire Cordory-Oatway		
16	Reporting arrangements	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Cabinet		
13	Resources	Staff time and witnesses		
14	Budget implications	Minimal		
15	Risk analysis	Young carers not receiving support and services.		
16	Project Plan / Actions	Project plan to be prepared by the panel in consultation with relevant partner agencies.		