











## Supporting Young Carers across Plymouth during COVID-19 April 2020

Plymouth City Council and partners are working together to wrap around the city's young carers during COVID-19, both those who are already being supported and those who have just been identified. This is an extension of the Time4u partnership delivered during normal times by Barnardo's, Hamoaze House and Plymouth City Council.

'A young carer means a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person' and 'Providing practical or emotional support'

— Children and Families Act section 96 2014

As part of a citywide approach to supporting vulnerable children and young people, a multi-agency **Young Carers Hub** led by Barnardo's will work together to provide support to Young Carers up to 18-years-old and their families. This will consider the needs of Young Carers across the city, particularly those who are currently not accessing any specialist provision and/or attending school. This will temporarily replace the Time4u request for service process.

Professionals will also be able to contact Barnardo's direct on the below email address for information, advice and guidance.

Information for Young Carers can be found here:

https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/plymouthlocaloffer/supportforyoungcarers/whatisayoungcarer

Information for sibling carers can be found here:

http://www.plymouthias.org.uk/young-people-support/sibling-carers

Every Wednesday a virtual meeting will be convened to assess the needs of those identified as most in need of help and agree an appropriate support plan. The outcome of the meeting will be communicated to people who have requested support for young carers.

For further information please email <a href="mailto:bycs@barnardos.org.uk">bycs@barnardos.org.uk</a>.