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“A Young Carer is a child or young person under the age of 18 who provides care to another family member who have a physical illness, disability, mental health issues, a sensory disability or problematic use of alcohol or drugs”.

Wigan & Leigh Young Carers registered charity offers a service to all young carers (aged 5-18) and young adult carers (up until the age of 24) living in the borough of Wigan.

First Priority will be given to those children and young people who are:

- Shortly to be bereaved
- Cares for multiple people in the family
- Whose own physical and emotional development is being *significantly* impaired by their caring responsibility
- Providing a high level of support to a family member who is affected by mental ill health or substance misuse
- Providing a high level of practical and personal care
- Caring in a single parent family
- Sibling carers with limited parental input

Second Priority will be given to children and young people who are:

- Providing a lower level of practical and personal care
- Providing a lower level of support to a family member who is affected by mental ill health or substance misuse

Third Priority will be given to children and young people who are:

- Caring but have other support either formal or from other family members.
- Sibling carers with good parental support.

Please note: Places in the charity’s respite groups and activities are dependent on the outcome of a Young Carers assessment and therefore places are not guaranteed.

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