



## Young Carers Needs Assessments – Checklist



This checklist provides an overview of the requirements for Young Carers Needs Assessments, as set out in the Children Act 1989 and the Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015

<b>Requirement/Principle</b>	<b>Source</b>
Young Carers Needs Assessments must be available to any young carer who requests one, or if it appears they may be in need of support .	S17ZA(1) Children Act 1989
Eligibility for Young Carers Needs Assessments does not rely on a minimum age, caring for a particular person or providing a certain level of care.	
If a care-related assessment for the young carer has already been carried out, a Young Carer Needs Assessment must be carried out if it appears that the needs or circumstances of the young carer or person cared for have changed since the last assessment	S17ZA(5) Children Act 1989
The local authority must with provide the young carer, their parent, and anyone else the young carer/parent requests such participate in the assessment such information about the manner and form of the assessment as the local authority consider necessary to enable the persons to participate effectively in the assessment.	Regulation 2(3) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
The local authority must, so far as reasonably practicable, provide the information prior to the assessment, and in a format which is accessible to the young carer.	Regulation 3(1) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
The local authority must consider whether to combine a young carer’s needs assessment with any other assessment of the needs for support of the young carer, the person cared for, or a member of the young carer’s family.	Regulation 4(5) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
A local authority must ensure that any individual carrying out a young carer’s needs assessment on their behalf: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is appropriately trained;</li> <li>2. Has sufficient knowledge and skill to be able to carry out that assessment, and</li> <li>3. Is an appropriate person to carry out the assessment having regard to the young carer’s circumstances, in particular the young carer’s age, sex and understanding.</li> </ol>	Regulation 2(5) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
A local authority carrying out a young carer’s needs assessment must consult persons with expertise and knowledge in relation to the young carer, where they consider it appropriate to do so	Regulation 3(2) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015

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<p>A local authority carrying out a young carer's needs assessment must have regard to any other assessment which has been carried out in relation to the needs for support of the young carer or the person who is cared for and which the authority consider to be relevant.</p>	<p>Regulation 3(2) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015</p>
<p>A Young Carers Assessment must determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The amount, nature and type of care which the young carer provides or intends to provide</li> <li>- The extent to which this care is (or will be) relied upon by the family, including the wider family, to maintain the well-being of the person cared for</li> <li>- Whether the care which the young carer provides (or intends to provide) impacts on the young carer's well-being, education and development;</li> <li>- Whether any of the tasks which the young carer is performing (or intends to perform) when providing care are excessive or inappropriate for the young carer to perform having regard to all the circumstances, and in particular the carer's age, sex, wishes and feelings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether any of the young carer's needs for support could be prevented by providing services to the person cared for, or another member of the family</li> </ul> </li> <li>- What the young carer's needs for support would be likely to be if the carer were relieved of part or all of the tasks the young carer performs (or intends to perform) when providing care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether any other assessment of the needs for support of the young carer or the person cared for has been carried out (they must then take this into account) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether the young carer is a Child in Need</li> <li>- Any actions to be taken as a result of the assessment</li> <li>- The arrangements for a future review</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Regulation 4 The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015</p>
<p>A young carer's needs assessment must include an assessment of whether it is appropriate for the young carer to provide, or continue to provide, care for the person in question, in the light of the young carer's needs for support, other needs and wishes.</p>	<p>S17ZA(7) Children Act 1989</p>
<p>A local authority must have regard to the extent to which the young carer is participating in or wishes to participate in education, training or recreation, and the extent to which the young carer works or wishes to work.</p>	<p>S17ZA(8) Children Act 1989</p>
<p>The local authority must consider the impact of the needs of the young carer's family on the well-being of the young carer and any child in that family and, in particular, on their education and personal and emotional development.</p>	<p>Regulation 4(3) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015</p>

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Wellbeing has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Care Act 2014	Regulation 4(7) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
A local authority must involve the young carer, their parents, and any person who the young carer or parent requests the authority to involve	S17ZA(9) Children Act 1989
A local authority must carry out a young carer's needs assessment in a manner which is appropriate and proportionate to the needs and circumstances of the young carer to whom it relates.	Regulation 2(1) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
<p>The local authority must, in particular, have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The young carer's age, understanding and family circumstances;</li> <li>- The wishes, feelings and preferences of the young carer;</li> <li>- Any differences of opinion between the young carer, the young carer's parents and the person cared for, with respect to the care which the young carer provides (or intends to provide); and</li> <li>- The outcomes the young carer seeks from the assessment.</li> </ul>	Regulation 2(2) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
A local authority must identify the young carer's friends and family, and consider how those persons can contribute to meeting the outcomes which the young carer seeks from the assessment.	Regulation 4(6) The Young Carers (Needs Assessments) Regulations 2015
After the assessment, the local authority must give a written record of the assessment to the young carer, their parents, and any person the young carer/parent requests to receive a copy	S17ZA(10) Children Act 1989
If the person cared for is under 18, the written record must state whether the local authority consider him/her to be a Child in Need	S17ZA(11) Children Act 1989
A local authority must take reasonable steps to identify the extent to which there are young carers within their area who have needs for support.	S17ZA(12) Children Act 1989