

Edinburgh Young Carers Collaboration



How did the collaboration come about from City of Edinburgh Council?

In 2020, Space, Capital Carers and Edinburgh Young Carers were awarded a tender from City of Edinburgh Council to deliver awareness-raising and support for young carers across the City. This collaboration builds on the work that the three services have been delivering across Edinburgh for the past 25 years. It ensures that young carers and young adult carers get the right support, as early as possible in their caring role, and builds upon their rights, as detailed in the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

What are the aims of the collaboration?

Each of the three services will work within the localities to address the priority needs to support young carers and young adult carers, in line with the Edinburgh Joint Carers' Strategy:

Identifying young carers - Young carers are identified as close to the start of their caring journey as possible and are connected to opportunities and support information and advice

Young carers can access good quality, age-appropriate information and advice and are well informed of their rights and how to access support

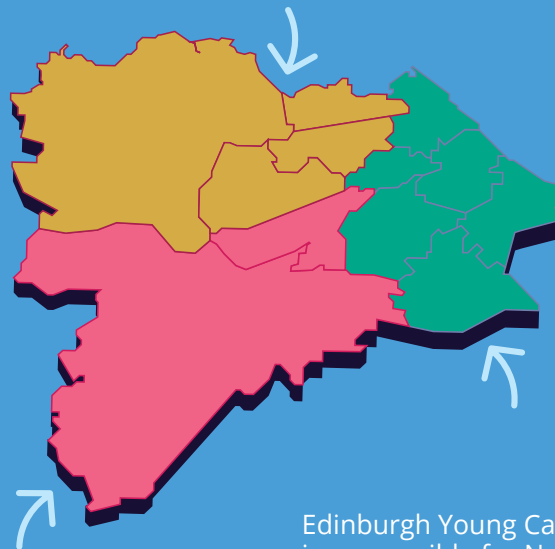
Health and wellbeing - Young carers are well supported through their caring role and can sustain their physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing

Short breaks - Young carers are supported to have a life outside of caring and are able to be children and young people first and foremost

Personalised support - Young carers are involved in support planning, have choices and options in shaping services for themselves and the cared-for person(s) and feel supported during transitions



Capital Carers is responsible for North West Edinburgh including Almond, Forth, Inverleith and Western.



Space is responsible for South West Edinburgh including Pentlands and South West.

Edinburgh Young Carers is responsible for North East and South East Edinburgh Localities including Leith, City Centre, Craigminty, Duddingston, Portobello, Craigmillar, South Central, Liberton and Gilmerton.

How are we working together as a joint service?

Each of the three services will meet the above priority needs across the localities through providing information and support directly to young carers, young adult carers and their families, as well as providing support to schools and building on the partnership with other stakeholders, in order to identify and support young carers appropriately across the City. We will work to ensure that all young carers identified have access to their own Young Carer Statement, with their consent, and that they receive appropriate personalised support.

How can referrals be received by the collaboration?

Young carers and young adult carers can be referred to one of the three services for support or for access to a Young Carer Statement, using the service's own referral processes, which can be found on the individual websites:

North West: Capital Carers - Young Carers Project - North West Carers (nwcarers.org.uk)

North East and South East: Edinburgh Young Carers - www.youngcarers.org.uk

South West: Space - spacescot.org

