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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
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Thank you for your request for information relating to Young carers.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many young carer assessments has the local authority carried out in your area each year for the past three financial years, and how many young carers are currently registered in your local authority area?

The total number of assessments completed for young carers over the past three financial years are as follows:

2022/23 - 157
2023/24 145
2024/25 – 221

We confirm we currently have a total of 358 young carers registered by the Council.

Clarification for Questions 2 and 3: In this case we are asking about any short breaks, clubs, activities, or trips - which can include daytime, evening, overnight and weekend activities under your young carer offer.

2. How much local authority funding (with figures) has there been for Young Carer activities and/or short breaks in your area each year for the last three financial years?

There is a small amount of the contracted Funding for Young Carer activities by our local authority.

We confirm we currently have a Short Breaks framework, which provide a short break to those children and young people living in Coventry with a disability. If a young carer has a disability and lives in Coventry, they are able to access a short break.

3. How many youth club sessions and/or activities, short breaks or trips for Young Carers are provided in your area? How many of these are fully or partially funded by the council?

The core contracted funding is for the delivery of the Local Authority statutory responsibility to identify Young Carers within the local area and to complete an Assessment of Need for the Young Carers. Activities are partially funded through this Local Authority contract.

Supplementary funding: the provider actively sources additional funds to ensure provision is not only maintained but also enhanced. Between April 2024 and March 2025, the provider secured an additional funding through partnerships with external organisations, which also includes funds from the National Lottery. This additional funding allowed the provider to deliver a varied programme of activities.

Between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025, the provider delivered youth club sessions, short breaks, and activities for Young Carers in Coventry. These included a variety of age-specific support groups and social opportunities, held both during term time and school holidays across several community venues. This included over 112 themed sessions, trips, and enrichment workshops tailored to the needs of Young Carers weekly and included:

- Day trips (e.g., to local theatres, parks, and events) including Snowdome, Leicestershire Aero Club
- Christmas party
- Weekly Creative crafts and cookery and wellbeing workshops
- Care residential trip for 13 young carers to Scarbrough
- Truma with Trish workshops
- Time capsule project
- Young carers action day activities

Please note these sessions are fully subsidised through external grants and donations.

4. Is there any additional provision in your area for Young Carers over school holidays - and if so, what? How much of this is fully or partially funded by the council?

In addition to the services we had outlined in response to Question 3, Young Carers are eligible for our Coventry HAF programme. For further details regarding this programme, please refer to the below link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/haf>

With regards to our Easter 2024 school holiday offer, Young Carers had booked a total of 446 sessions, and we had received DfE grant funding worth a total of £1,553,530 for 2024/25, along with additional funding totalling £50,000 from the Coventry Building Society.

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