

# Driving Change in Higher Education



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## Raising the profile of young adult carers

by including commitments to students with caring responsibilities in strategic plans and key policies, helping to embed a whole-organisation approach to improving support.



**Improving early identification of young adult carers** to ensure that support is offered as they start university, and to encourage ongoing identification.



**Increasing staff awareness of challenges faced by young adult carers through training and other activities**, building staff confidence in identifying and supporting young adult carers effectively.



## Creating named carers leads,

providing a first point of contact for student carers and ensuring consistent support across the whole university.



## Providing support to help young adult carers sustain and complete their course, including:



**Access to financial support** via a specific young adult carer bursary or by adding carers to existing funding priorities



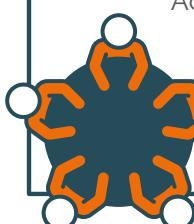
**Considerations and reasonable adjustments for young adult carers** such as extensions to assignment or assessment deadlines, study breaks at times of crisis



**Involving young adult carers in developing and reviewing support**, and introducing new opportunities for feedback to ensure support meets their needs.



**Development of Carer Passports** for students to share information about their caring responsibilities and support needs as part of a 'Tell Us Once' approach



Access to **priority parking** permits  
Young adult carer peer **support groups** and dedicated careers support.



## Establishing or strengthening working links with local carers services

including inviting carers services to freshers events, and working in partnership to deliver bespoke young adult carer activities that provide a more informal experience of HE.



**Improving communication and information sharing between university departments**, helping to create a whole-university approach to supporting young adult carers.