

Young Carers Assessment Awareness Raising Half Day Sessions For Multi Agency Providers

Dear Colleague

Multi agency providers are invited to attend the **Young Carers Assessment Awareness Raising session**.

Attendance is aimed at Practitioners who have a good knowledge of Pre EHAT / EHAT (Early Help Assessment Tool) and the Early Help programme of support for families, preventing concerns escalating to more serious levels of need or neglect.

The session will explore the changes brought about from The Care Act and Children and Families Act, making it easier for young carers to get an assessment of their needs and introducing whole family approaches to assessment and support. Under both Acts whereby local authorities must offer an assessment where it appears that a child is providing care.

To ensure young carers and their families are provided with an effective service from both adult and children's services that avoids the need for multiple assessments Barnardo's has been commissioned to undertake statutory young carer assessments on behalf of Liverpool City Council. The session will ensure practitioners understand how to use the pre-EHAT (agreed agencies) or the EHAT to identify children and young people with additional needs (including young carers) and how caring is negatively impacting on them, then 'request a young carers assessment' from Barnardo's via the Early Help Hub.

These sessions will have the greatest impact if practitioners from across the spectrum of multi agency settings, including adults social care and health services participate. Therefore, you are asked to nominate staff to attend one of the half day sessions spread across the dates available in **July and August 2018**. This will help to embed strong partnership working and understanding of Agency/Service support across the whole of the workforce in Liverpool:

The half-day session is targeted at practitioners who will have the responsibility for completing a Pre-EHAT / EHAT with the aim to develop the participant's awareness of the Young Carers Assessment process.

The session objectives:

- Identifying families at risk at an early stage, gaining their engagement and consent to initiate a full EHAT with the most appropriate agency
- Awareness of the entire Early Help Assessment process
- Being involved, where necessary, in Team around the Family meetings
- Awareness of the Young Carers Assessment process including how to request an assessment

Dates and venues

Monday 23rd July 2018 - PM session (1.30pm – 4.30pm) at **Local Solutions L7 8TF**

Friday 27th July 2018 - AM session (9.30am – 12.30pm) at **Communiversy - L11 0BS**

Friday 17th August 2018 - AM Session (9.30am – 12.30pm) at **Bridge Chapel – L19 4XR**

Friday 17th August 2018 – PM Session (1.30pm – 4.30pm) at **Bridge Chapel – L19 4XR**

All bookings are to be made on the Early Help Directory, Workforce Development Event Booking System, http://ehd.liverpool.gov.uk/kb5/liverpool/fsd/workforce_development.page

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