



Wigan
Council

Please provide partial lists or figures if the complete data is unavailable. Additionally, please provide data via email in Excel or CSV file format, if possible and where appropriate.

I kindly request the following information for the years ranging from 2020 to 2025, on young carers who were under the age of 25 (unless otherwise specified):

Re Point 2 - Requester has clarified that they are referring to the commissioned young carer service.

General

1. How the council defines a young carer.

“Young carer” means a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person (but this is qualified by section 17ZB(3)). Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6) Part 5 — Welfare of children.

We support young adult carers up to the age of 24. Increasingly we are seeing use of the term ‘Transition Age Carer’ to cover the transition into adulthood and this covers the age range 14-24.
2. The number of young carers who were referred to your services.

2020 – 70
2021 – 40
2022 – 42
2023 – 118
2024 – 131
2025 – 25/09/2025 – 86
3. The annual budgets in the financial years between 2020 and 2025 that were allocated to supporting young carers.

2020 £36835
2021 £36835
2022 £36835
2023 £36835
2024 £36835
2025 £57835
4. The criteria young carers must meet to receive support from the council

To receive support from as a young carer, the following criteria typically apply:

 - The young person must be under the age of 18 as a young carer or under 25 as a young adult carer.
 - They must live in the Wigan borough or care for someone who lives in the Wigan borough.
 - Their caring responsibilities involve looking after a parent, sibling, or other family member who is affected by physical illness, disability, mental health challenges, or issues with alcohol or drug misuse.

Wigan Council- Carers Grant Funding -£11000 available per annum
All unpaid carers including young and young adult carers can apply for carers grant funding to support them to access training. The funding is provided by Wigan council and applications are facilitated through

Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre. Community and Voluntary organisations can also apply for a training grant to deliver training for carers.

Grants for young carers supported
2024-2025

A young carer was awarded £192 to support driving lessons

2023-2024

A young carer was awarded £280 to support with driving lessons

A young carer was awarded £148 to support with driving lessons

£318 was awarded to Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre Young Carers to support First Aid training

2022-2023

A young carer was awarded £272 to support with driving lessons

£260 was awarded to Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre Young Carers to support courses in flower arranging

£1200 was awarded to Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre Young Carers to support a training programme in cookery

£380 was awarded to Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre Young Carers to support First Aid Training

£300 was awarded to Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre Young Carer to support training in jewellery making

2020-2021

£495 was awarded through Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre Young Carers to deliver a 12 week course 'A confident me'

£900 was awarded through Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre Young Carers to support 2x cookery courses for young carers

5. Grants available to young carers, their purpose, and their monetary amount.

Over the last 5 years £4,745 has been directly awarded to support young and young adult training.

Needs Assessment and Transitional Support

1. The proportion of young carers referred to the council who had a needs assessment.
2. The percentage of young carers over 18 who received a transition assessment before they turned 18.

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Respite Support

1. A list and details of any respite schemes for young carers, whether they are fully funded, and who is responsible for fulfilling them.

The Young Carers Service offers respite support via specific groups targeted for young carers – this is fully funded via the Carers Centre.

Short Breaks & HAF – Funded via HAF & Feeding Britain Fund

7/8 places £79.00, contribution to their Create sessions. Summer- 10 places on their Create sessions, £100 this is specific Young carer sessions.

There are also young carers that have accessed HAF, but not via the Young Carer Offer

They are also sent the HAF referral form for any young carers who aren't eligible for HAF are deemed vulnerable, to which we have supported around 6 young people in the Summer.

We also tried to pilot offering Be Well passes for 10 young carers

Given the above we are unable to provide data for the following questions

2. The number of young Carers receiving each type of respite support (A and B – as defined below).
3. For those receiving respite support, please provide the number of days of respite each young carer may receive on average per (Type A and B defined below).

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