

Monitoring Form – Voluntary Organisation Support Grant

As part of your application to the Council's Voluntary Organisation Support grant, you agreed that in the first twelve months of funding, your organisation would meet the achievements detailed below.

Part of the application process was an agreement to provide evidence in relation to what you are doing to achieve these targets. We therefore require you to complete this simple monitoring form on a quarterly basis. The sheets are to be returned to us no later than ten days after the end of the following periods:

Q1 **April – June 2017**

Q2 July – September 2017

Q3 October – December 2017

Q4 January – March 2018

Please demonstrate how you are achieving:-

Meet every identified Young Adult Carer to work with them to create an action plan which enables them to access the same life opportunities as those without a caring role. This will involve collaboration with the Action for Family Carers School Liaison Service.

All of the 21 identified Young Adult Carers in Uttlesford have worked with the Young Adult Carer Transition Worker to develop personalised action plans to enable them to access the same life opportunities as their peers. Examples of action plans developed include those gaining employment, accessing further/higher education and seeking support with their mental health. The Young Adult Carer Transition worker has worked with Young adult Carers who have gained lower qualifications than their peers to recognise the skills gained through caring and use in writing job applications. They have offer support and advice in writing supporting statements and gaining financial support to enable Young Adult Carers to access further and higher education. They have recognised the Young Adult Carers health needs which have taken second place to those of the cared for and supported and encouraged them to attend medical appointment improving their overall health.

The Young Adult Carer Transition Worker has worked closely with the school Link worker to ensure all Young Carers approaching transition are identified and receive support.

Please demonstrate how you are achieving:-

Offer information and advice to Local Authorities, Health, Statutory and Voluntary organisations to support best practice and improve delivery, identification and support for young adult carers.

The Young Adult Carer Transition Worker uses the hub in Great Dunmow and an office within the council building as satellite facilities for their work in Uttlesford. The hub in particular has allowed the Young Adult Carer Transition Worker to advise other youth

supporting organisations on the identification and support of Young Adult Carers. The Young Adult Carer Transition Worker also attends Think families in Uttlesford and multi-agency meetings representing Action for Family Carers speaking about the difference support can make to a Young Adult Carer. The Young Adult Carer has attended appointment between Young Adult Carers and Statutory agencies to promote best practise and improve the delivery of services provided to Young Adult Carers. In this quarter The Young Adult Carer Transition Worker has attended community event for Carers week and Mental Health Awareness week.

The Young Adult Carer Transition Worker also holds drop-in at Harlow and Cambridge colleges which are attended by Young Adult Carers from Uttlesford.

Please demonstrate how you are achieving:-

Maintain existing Young Adult Carer support groups and other services and promote them in the Uttlesford community.

Throughout this quarter the Young Adult Carers Transition Worker has continued to offer 1:1 support to Young Adult Carers in places of education and the community. They have offered opportunities for Young Adult Carers to meet in groups either in Uttlesford or with other Young Adult Carers across the West of Essex and at county wide events.

The Young Adult Carer Transition Worker is visible in the community, has satellite offices in the district and attend multi-agency meetings in Uttlesford. They have supported on Young Adult Carer from Uttlesford to attend Action for Family Carers Young Adult Carers forum to ensure the voice of Young Adult Carers from Uttlesford is represented.

In addition, can you please supply us, by the end of May, with quarterly and yearly targets so your achievements can be monitored and reported to Councillors throughout the year. As your achievements will be monitored in a formal manner, can you please ensure you meet the reporting deadlines stated above. Failure to do this may jeopardise further funding opportunities for your organisation.

Completed by:

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Date: 8th July 2017 _____

Position in organisation: Young and Young Adult Carer Service Manager _____

Signed: Heather Hunt _____