

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.

Every Identified Young Adult Carer (Yac) in Uttlesford has been worked with to establish a jointly produced action plan, which would enable them to experience the same opportunities that non caring young people between 16-24. These have included employment and training placements, support to access high and further education and referrals to mental health and mentoring organisations and bereavement counselling. The transition worker has developed 1-1 relationships with the Yacs to establish impact of their caring role in the Yacs daily living. These have been highlighted as being less achievable academics results and restrictions on their social outlets. The worker has helped with UCAS personal statements for their University applications.

The transition worker has liaised with the AFFC schools link worker to identify young carers approaching 16 to build a connection before they are moved onto the older group. This is done between 3-6 months preceding 16.

6 Yacs will be attending a residential trip to St Marks College, Saffron Walden, on 2nd of February for 2 nights.

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 Yacs worker attends appointments the Yacs may have with other voluntary and

statutory organisations including mental health assessments and housing concerns, in addition to obtaining benefits advice through the Yac worker, jobcentre, benefits agencies and debt management schemes.

The Yac worker attends regular Think Family meetings that set up to co-ordinate family partnership bodies, where best practice is discussed as well as the meetings being network development opportunities.

The hub office in Great Dunmow is used to enable the Yacs to meet each other and as an information point for mental health concerns.

There are regular update meetings in Uttlesford with multi agency meetings where new schemes or updates are shared. These meetings are also attending in Harlow and Epping as they have relevance to Uttlesford Yacs.

Please demonstrate how you are achieving:-

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

During this quarter the Yac transition worker has been available for regular 1-1 support for all Yacs in Uttlesford. In extreme circumstances these have been done on a daily basis for a Yac who has lost a parent, as well as offering opportunities for the Yacs to engage with other Yacs across Essex in the form of trips and outings that are run by AFFC during the course of the year. They have access to a private Facebook page that is monitored by the Uttlesford Yac worker and 3 colleagues. This is used to share information and updates of interest to the Yacs.

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:

Name: Heather Beach _____

Date: 24th January 2018 _____

Position in organisation: Head of Carer Services _____

Signed:  _____