

Swindon Young Carers Charter

Everybody has rights and responsibilities. The Young Carers Charter was drawn up by the Carers Trust. It sets out the rights to which young carers are entitled. Swindon Borough Council commits to identifying, supporting and championing our Young Carers.

The Charter

'We are children and young people who are also carers. We want people to recognise this. We believe we should have the same rights as other children and young people' including the rights:

- To be children and young people as well as carers
- To attend schools and colleges that give us the help we need to get an education
- To have fun, friends and time off from caring
- To have a well-supported family life
- To have practical help and support
- To a safe environment and protection from harm, including any harm that our caring roles could cause us
- To services that value our different backgrounds, culture, religion, race, gender and sexuality
- To be listened to
- To an assessment of what we need as individuals
- To be involved when people make decisions which affect our lives
- To have a wide range of information that would help us
- To someone who will help us have a voice (advocacy)
- To understand how things work and how to complain if we want to
- To become independent adults.
- To have a safe place to go where we can voice our concerns and worries

We are a Council that recognises supports and ensures Young Carers enjoy these rights.

Signed  Leader of the Council

Date: 15th Dec 2023

Signed  Chief Executive Officer

Date: 29th Sept 2023