

CARERS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON PARTS

Part 2 – Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements

Chapter 2 – Young carer statements

Content and review of young carer statement

Section 15 – Content of young carer statement

45. This section is equivalent to section 9 in relation to adult carer support plans. Subsection (1) sets out what information the young carer statement must contain, namely information about—
- the young carer’s personal circumstances at the time of the preparation of the statement, including the impact on the young carer’s wellbeing of caring for the cared-for person;
 - the extent to which the young carer is able and willing to provide support for the cared-for person;
 - the extent to which the responsible authority considers that the nature and extent of the care provided by the young carer is appropriate;
 - whether the young carer has arrangements in place for the provision of care to the cared-for person in an emergency;
 - information on whether the young carer has any arrangements in place for the future care of the cared-for person; the young carer’s personal outcomes identified in the young carer statement process;
 - the young carer’s needs for support, including any needs identified in the young carer statement process, to meet those outcomes. If no needs are identified, this should be stated;
 - the support generally available to the young carer and the cared-for person in the responsible local authority’s area;
 - the support available to young carers in the area where the young carer resides if the young carer does not reside in the responsible local authority’s area;
 - the support which the responsible local authority provides or intends to provide to the young carer to meet such of the young carer’s identified needs as meet the local eligibility criteria (set under Part 3 of the Act);
 - the support which the responsible local authority provides or intends to provide to the young carer to meet the carer’s other identified needs (that is, the identified needs that do not meet the local eligibility criteria but which the responsible local authority nevertheless plans to meet by virtue of section 24(4)(b));

*These notes relate to the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016
(asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 9 March 2016*

- whether support should be provided in the form of a break from caring for the cared-for person;
 - the circumstances in which the young carer statement is to be reviewed.
46. Subsection (2) provides that the second and subsequent young carer statement prepared for the young carer must contain information on the extent to which any support provided under a previous statement has assisted in achieving the young carer's identified personal outcomes.
47. Subsection (3) provides that the responsible authority, in assessing the impact of a young carer's caring role on the wellbeing of the young carer for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)(ii), must do so by reference to the matters listed in section 96(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and have regard to any guidance issued under section 96(3) of that Act. These matters are known as the 'SHANARRI' indicators. They are the extent to which a child or young person is—
- Safe,
 - Healthy,
 - Achieving
 - Nurtured,
 - Active,
 - Respected,
 - Responsible, and
 - Included
48. Subsection (4) gives the Scottish Ministers a regulation-making power to make provision about other information which the young carer statement must (or must not) contain and the form the young carer statement should take. Regulations under this subsection will be subject to the negative procedure (see section 42).