

HYCA



HAMPSHIRE YOUNG CARERS ALLIANCE

WHAT IS HYCA?

The Hampshire Young Carers Alliance (HYCA) is a consortium of ten Young Carer projects/services within Hampshire.

HYCA was formed around 2005 with the initial objectives of individual projects/services working closer together, sharing good practice & resources. The overall aim and vision was to develop a single county-wide voice, advocating and championing Young Carers across the county.

The consortia has allowed stronger relationships to evolve with key stakeholders, ensuring an overarching aim of ongoing quality, consistency and sustainability moving forward.

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BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS

ALL INDEPENDENT: ONE PROJECT IS PART OF A NATIONAL CHARITY, FOUR ARE LOCAL YOUNG CARER SPECIFIC CHARITIES AND THE OTHER PROJECTS FORM PART OF OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES WITH BROADER REMITS.

Andover	• Andover Young Carers	<i>Young Carers Project</i>
Basingstoke	• Basingstoke & District Young Carers	<i>Young Carers Project</i>
East Hants	• The King's Arms	<i>Independent Youth Charity</i>
Eastleigh	• One Community	<i>Community Voluntary Sector</i>
Fareham & Gosport	• Kids	<i>National Youth Charity</i>
Hart & Rushmoor	• Hart Voluntary Action	<i>Community Voluntary Sector</i>
Havant	• Off the Record	<i>Independent Youth Charity</i>
New Forest	• Community First New Forest	<i>Community Voluntary Sector</i>
Romsey	• Romsey Young Carers	<i>Young Carers Project</i>
Winchester	• Winchester & District Young Carers	<i>Young Carers Project</i>

WHAT IS HYCA?

What size of area does HYCA support?

3,700 km²

Both rural and urban areas

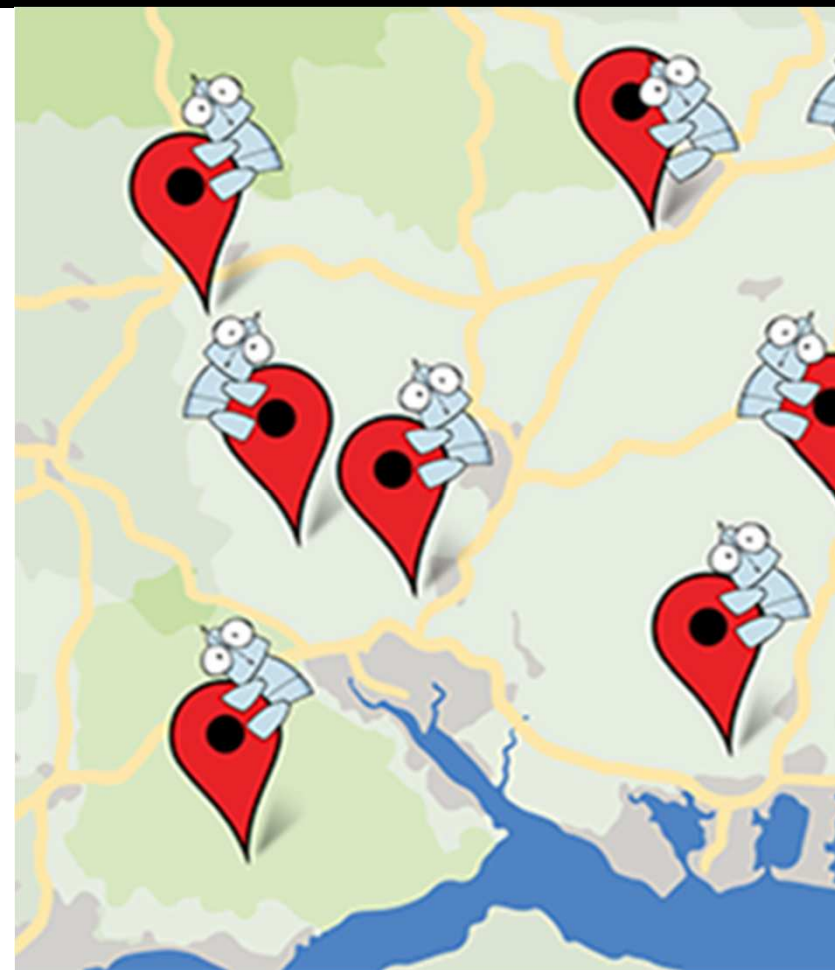
How many Young Carers are there in Hampshire?

4,109 Young Carers identified in the 2011 Census.

How many Young Carers are supported through HYCA?

1,272 registered as Young Carers on the projects

1,449 supported over the year 2019-2020



CURRENT PRACTICE

Project response and delivery takes into consideration geographic, demographic and area need.

A countywide, consistent approach in managing referrals, reviews and 'step-down' process.

Shared database and tools in reference to measuring Young Carer outcomes, giving both qualitative and quantitative data sets.

Strong links to Hampshire's Children's Services Family Support Service, with appropriate challenge made from both sides.

Referrals come from a multitude of sources including self-referrers and family members.

Joined up approach and collective response to identified issues/barriers across all aspects of Young Carers needs. This can include internal and external factors.

Stronger links with Hampshire's Adults' Health and Care Department ensuring that conversations relating to Carers involve Young Carers.



AREAS OF FOCUS

Ongoing consistency in school response – whole school approach.

Stronger links with 'Health' to ensure their understanding of Young Carers, both in what their needs are and in how their role reduces the impact on their services.

To maintain a 'non-hierarchical' relationship with Hampshire County Council, ensuring referrals, and particularly transitions from CSD to AHC, continue to be reviewed and improved.

A joined-up approach in sourcing potential funding and in use of volunteers.

Revisiting and retaining a model of a Young Carer's representative group that is involved in the decision making processes relating to Young Carers in Hampshire.



QUESTIONS?

Thank you.