

Increased Integration & Participation from Health Services for Young Carers
~FREE FUNDING TO TRAIN 25 GP PRACTICES ACROSS KENT~

GP Engagement 2018/19

Kent Community Foundation have funded Imago to work with 25 GP surgeries (at least 2 in each district in Kent) to become exemplars of good practice.

Imago will train each surgery and support them to implement a Young Carers Strategy which will show their compliance with the Care Act 2015 and demonstrate good practice when CQC Inspected.

Learning objectives:

- Impact of being a young carer
- How to refer
- Support available (including a discussion how the GP Practice can support Young Carers and their families)
- Why do young people have to take on a caring role
- How to prevent inappropriate or excessive caring

By ensuring that young carers are accessing appropriate health services and other support, we can help reduce the negative impact on the health and wellbeing of young carers. The learning will be different within in each surgery and we will capture the good practice and disseminate in a final report and conference in June 2019.

Imago Community

Imago is a Kent Based social enterprise/charity which has delivered a wide range of services for adults and children for nearly 60 years. Our mission is to develop resilience, support independence and empower communities.

Our work with Young Carers

We have extensive experience of delivering exemplar, dedicated Young Carers (YC's) services through our local authority commissioned work in Kent, East Sussex, Southwark, Bexley and Havering.

Our vision is to ensure that YC's caring responsibilities do not impact adversely on their welfare, education and social development, by supporting YC's and their families in a flexible, responsive, integrated, personalised way that improves self-confidence, reduces isolation, improves emotional wellbeing and encourages the achievement of potential.

Research Project 2016/17

In 2016/7 Kent Community Foundation funded a Research Project to look at support for Young Carers in Kent.

The final report confirmed that there continues to be a lack of consistency as to how a Young Carer is viewed; the importance of identification leading to appropriate signposting to services; and how assessments are undertaken to meet the needs of the individual. Access to services after assessment can also be variable and the role of professionals and organisations remains in many cases unclear. One of the key target audiences for more in-depth work around identification was GP Practices/School Health

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