



Our ref: 77042249
23 September 2025

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the Freedom of Information Request you have made. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the Trust and our response is detailed below.

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the council's support for Young Carers. Please provide partial lists or figures if the complete data is unavailable. Additionally, please provide data via email in Excel or CSVfile format, if possible and where appropriate. If that is not possible, please provide data in any other appropriate format via email. I kindly request the following information for the years ranging from 2020 to 2025, on young carers who were under the age of 25 (unless otherwise specified):

General

How the council defines a young carer.

The number of young carers who were referred to your services.

The annual budgets in the financial years between 2020 and 2025 that were allocated to supporting young carers.

The criteria young carers must meet to receive support from the council

Grants available to young carers, their purpose, and their monetary amount.

Needs Assessment and Transitional Support

The proportion of young carers referred to the council who had a needs assessment.

The percentage of young carers over 18 who received a transition assessment before they turned 18.

Respite Support

A list and details of any respite schemes for young carers, whether they are fully funded, and who is responsible for fulfilling them.

The number of young Carers receiving each type of respite support (A and B - as defined below).

For those receiving respite support, please provide the number of days of respite each young carer may receive on average per (Type A and B defined below).

The information you have requested can be found in the attached Excel spreadsheet.

Please quote the reference number **77042249** in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days from the date this authority issued its initial response. Please outline which part of the response you are not happy with setting out your reasons. This request should be addressed to:

Corporate Information Governance Team
PO Box 16366
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Email: infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk

If you are still dissatisfied with the Birmingham Children's Trust's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Disclosure Officer

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Question	Answer
How the council defines a young carer	Children and young people under 18 years of age who look after a family member, friend or neighbour who has additional care needs. In many cases this may well be a parent, grandparent, or sibling
The number of young carers who were referred to your services	1,622
The annual budgets in the financial years between 2020 and 2025 that were allocated to supporting young carers	
2020/21	£361,100
2021/22	£361,100
2022/23	£363,399
2023/24	£363,399
2024/25	£454,732
The criteria young carers must meet to receive support from the council	The young carer's service will work with children and young people under the age of 18 years who provide regular and ongoing physical care and emotional support to a young person or adult. This includes young carers who are caring for an adult with mental health problems, having been identified at referral stage
Grants available to young carers, their purpose, and their monetary amount	N/A
The proportion of young carers referred to the council who had a needs assessment	55%
The percentage of young carers over 18 who received a transition assessment before they turned 18	11%
A list and details of any respite schemes for young carers, whether they are fully funded, and who is responsible for fulfilling them	There have been hundreds of respite schemes, both A and B, since 2020 therefore it is not possible for the detail of each of these to be listed. Respite schemes offered include Christmas and Easter craft activities, trips to theme parks, cooking classes, cinema and bowling trips, PGA trips, games nights and DJ lessons. Some of these are funded within the service budget and others have been funded through schemes such as the Nationwide Enrichment Fund and Merlin's Magic Wand. The commissioned Young Carer's Service provider fulfils respite
The number of young Carers receiving each type of respite support (A and B - as defined below)	As above, it would not be possible to collate the number of young carers that have accessed the respite schemes that have been offered over the past five years however they are well attended and there have been different activities offered to suit different age groups and interests.
For those receiving respite support, please provide the number of days of respite each young carer may receive on average per (Type A and B defined below)	As above