

Procedures Manual

04.09.01 YOUNG ADULT CARERS POLICY

PURPOSE To provide information to all staff regarding Young Adult Carers and promote our commitment to them in supporting their College experience

SCOPE All staff

RESPONSIBILITY Group Student Welfare Manager

PROCEDURE

At West Suffolk College we believe that all children and young people have the right to an education, regardless of what is happening at home.

When a young person looks after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or substance misuse problem, he or she may need a little extra support to help him or her get the most out of College. Our Young Adult Carers Policy says how we will help any student who helps to look after someone at home.

Our College:

- Has a member of staff with special responsibility for young carers and lets all new students know who they are and what they can do to help. This is Welfare Officer Demi Irvine-Bird.
- Can put young adult carers in touch with the local Young Carers Service. We can also put families in touch with other support services.
- Is accessible to parents who have mobility and communication difficulties and involves them in parents' evenings.
- Respects the right to privacy and will only share information about young people and their family with people who need to know to help.
- Allows young carers to telephone home during breaks and lunchtimes.
- Complies with the Disability Discrimination Act by offering disabled parents support to get their children into College.

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