

East Lothian Council

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- ***A description of the services you currently provide (directly or through external organisations) for young carers.***
- ***An estimate of how much resource was spent (in the latest available financial year) on providing support for young carers.***

In the first instance, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council (ELC) may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>

Within ELC there are two specific projects who support Young Carers:

- East Lothian Young Carers Project supports 90 children/young people aged 6-23 approximately, through Young Carer Clubs, individual support, family support and advice for professionals.
- Bridges Project supports 28 young people age between 15 and 23 approximately through advocacy, employability, one-to-one and group work.

Children's Services staff are generally aware of the needs of young carers and support as appropriate through incorporating their needs within any plan for a child/young person. For example: Child Protection, LAAC, Support Plan, Children Hearing etc.

East Lothian Young Carers received the following funding in 2017/18:

Current Funding Sources	Funding to cover
£9672 CIS £2800 Lothian Health £45,000 Partnership funding £10,600 Section 10 funding £71,000 MELDAP	Funds 18 young carers club places Staff: Young Carer Worker (14 hrs) Depute (14 hrs) Manager (32 hrs) Sessional Workers for Young Carers Club (30 hrs)
Total: £139,072	

The Bridges received the following funding in 2017/18:

Current Funding Sources	Funding Covers
£19,000 CIS funding	Staff: 1 x Part Time Transitions Support Worker
Total funding £19,000	