

## **SHORT TERM WORKING GROUP ON YOUNG CARERS – REMIT**

1. The Group will provide advice and information when guidance affecting young carers is being updated, or new information is being produced, to help ensure consistency of messages, reflection of young carers' needs and concerns, and a systematic approach to local young carer support such as:

- lead roles of partner agencies (including voluntary sector), joint working protocols and shared young carer service criteria;
- methodologies for young carer identification and referral to ensure those most vulnerable are identified and receive person and family centred support;
- the role and value of peer support; and
- the role and value of respite (breaks from caring and from normal living routines).

2. In addition, the Group will assist the Executive's preparation for the spending review by:

- assessing existing capacity of local agencies and projects whose primary or major focus is young carer support;
- making recommendations on minimum requirements for sustainable local services; and
- assessing the role, remit and costs of a national young carer forum to facilitate young carer participation and liaise with local projects.

3. The Group will be required to complete its brief by Spring 2007 although the work to prepare for the spending review should be completed by the end of 2006.

### **Membership**

4. The group will be chaired and supported by Executive officials, with stakeholder representatives from the voluntary sector, statutory agencies and regulators. We propose to agree the most effective model for involving young carers in consultation with voluntary sector organisations. Princess Royal Trust for Carers maintains contact with a young carers panel which could provide a suitable model.

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