

Fife Young Carers Response:

1) Do you have any information to share on the extent to which food is reaching the children who need it most?

As far as we are aware, our children and young people are accessing dequate food supplies for the household. We did have a few who did not have access due to them self-isolating and low income – we supported them through this, either by making up emergency food parcels or directing them to local community organisations

2) Are there any issues with certain ways of providing food, any particular barriers that need to be addressed?

Our population of Young People are Young Carers, and often have to accompany their cared-for person when doing a food shop. We have had quite a few young people come back to us as they have been getting 'hassle' for shopping with their cared-for person, either by supermarket staff, security or other customers. This is even after they show their Young Carers Authorisation Card which identifies and explains that they are a Young Carer and must support their cared-for person.

3) What level of provision exists for children and young people with complex ASN in school/childcare hubs?

Unsure, we support the Young Carer, not the Cared-for person or child.

4) Are their appropriate places at school/childcare hubs or in private nurseries available?

As far as we are aware yes.

5) What contact and support is being received by children and young people with additional support needs and their parents/carers where they are not attending school/childcare hubs?

Unsure, we support the Young Carer, not the Cared-for person or child.

6) Do you have any insight into how the children and young people are being identified who would best suit attending an education/childcare hub and are places available?

Through our support of Young Carers, it seems to be children and young people of Keyworkers that are offered education and childcare hubs. However, we are aware of a potential hub being opened in Glenrothes for children and young people who are at risk in the home.

7) How is their attendance being ensured and what steps take place if they are not in attendance?

Unsure.

8) How is contact in the home, including monitoring wellbeing, continuing in light of social distancing?

We are in contact with all our Young People and their families. We are doing weekly check in's and reviews using the GIRFEC 5 key questions and our own Young Carers Specific review questionnaires to monitor wellbeing.

9) Are you aware in your work of an increased demand for support, such as an increase in child protection referrals?

No, our referral rate has decreased during this time.

10)What kind of help from local authorities, schools or other service providers would kinship carers, foster carers and parents of vulnerable or looked after children require to support their children and families in this period.

Support in managing vulnerable children at home and techniques to look after their own mental health and wellbeing.