
Young carers put their thoughts on film

A group of 35 young carers in East Sussex have made a film about what it is like supporting a member of their own family who has problems. In it they show the reality of their lives – the love and caring this involves – and talk candidly about the frustrations they sometimes feel in being a young carer.

The aim of the film is to highlight the importance of supporting these remarkable young people. It was jointly funded by the County Council and Care for the Carers Young Carers' Service.



For more about the film and the Young Carers' Service, contact Mark Braddock at Care for the Carers on 01323 738390 or email youngcarers@cftc.org.uk.

Children and young people tell the County what they think of services

Last summer, pupils in East Sussex took part in Tellus2 , a national Ofsted survey to gather the views of children and young people as users of services in their local area. As well as asking their opinions on existing services, the survey also asked children and young people what could be better and what could be done differently to make things better.

40 primary and 15 secondary schools took part across the county, with more than 800 pupils completing the survey. The survey included

questions on being healthy, being safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic wellbeing.

The results showed that the views and opinions of pupils in East Sussex are similar to those across the country, with two exceptions:

- significantly fewer pupils in East Sussex than nationally want improved guidance on sex and relationships
- girls in particular would like better information and guidance on eating healthily.

The **Tellus survey** will now take place yearly as part of East Sussex County Council's Annual Performance Assessment (APA). The aim is to provide a national profile of pupils' views and opinions - and next year the revised questionnaire will include input from children and young people.

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