

## Identifying and supporting young carers in Barnet

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

As per *Barnet's Young Carer's Plan*, and *Joint Memorandum of Practice* 'the importance of ensuring that young carers are relieved from inappropriate or excessive levels of care' cannot be overemphasized. These documents stipulate that 'every young carer (is supported) to meet their potential.'

As part of our Think Family approach, the Barnet multi-agency Young Carers group cordially invites you to this multi-agency conference themed ***Identifying and supporting young carers in Barnet*** on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014** from 9.00 – 12.30 at the Conference Area 1, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP.

The event will be hosted by Kate Kennally, Strategic Director for Communities, London Borough of Barnet and she will be setting the context of this agenda in Barnet. Nicola Francis, Family Services Director will chair this event and will be delivering the opening.

Guest speakers from the Children's Society and Barnet Young Carers and Siblings (BYCAS) will address topical national and local issues relating to young carers and sharing some very insightful case studies on good practice and some useful tools. Speeches and presentations will include:

- National overview about Young Carers and recent changes in legislation, learning from what young carers say
- Information on how to identify Young Carers and best practice in supporting them
- Update on local policies and referral pathways for both practitioners from children's and adult Services
- Overview of local services available for Young Carers
- Table-top exercises and case studies and networking opportunities

### **The event is designed to provide an opportunity for participants to:**

- enhance their knowledge and skills about how to identify Young Carers
- better understand the impact of being a Young Carer
- advance their understanding on when and how to refer young carers issues to relevant services
- Identify best practice in joint working
- contribute towards the development of services in Barnet for Young Carers

There will also be an opportunity during the plenary session for participants to discuss and share best practice across the children's service partnership.

**This is a free half day event for all practitioners working with children, young people and vulnerable adults in Barnet across the multi-agency service partnership including health, schools, early years and voluntary sector. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please send your booking form asap.**