



## <u>Carers' Alert Thermometer for</u> <u>Young Carers (CAT-YC)</u>



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A short triage tool to identify the needs of young carers and plan support

SECTION 1: Young Person's Details			ID/Reg No:						
Date CAT-YC conducted			Relationship of person caring for (e.g. mother, father)						
By: (Sta	aff name)								
Young	person's initials	Nature of their illness/disability							
Gende	r <b>(circle)</b> Male Female Other	•••••							
	ty	Additional/significant information about the cared for:							
Date of	f birth								
School	/College name	How many adults live in the home?							
School	Contact	How many children live in the home (with ages)?							
Are any other agencies involved with the young person or the cared for family member(s)YES/NO									
If YES, please give details of social worker or lead professional									
SECTION 2: IDENTIFY CARING ROLE  SECTION 3:							ON 3:		
	you currently have any needs or concerns about looking after son			Yes 🗆	No □ (	<i>Jnsure</i> □		e the total	
family who needs support, or about your own health and well-being? (please tick one)  Score for need identified for identified									
if yes, does anyone else in the family share caring responsibilities with you: (pieuse tick one)							-Q10 oı	n the	
before p	progressing with the CAT-YC, as it will help to guide you about the yo	oung carer's pr	iorities)				thermo	meter	
	<b>N NEEDS</b> Complete the screening questions below together ung carer has for each alert. The language may be adapted for	_		-				— 30	
covere	d. Please provide one response for all questions. Then add up	their need a	lert sco	re using	the level	s below.		- 30	
Any HI	GH needs identified should be prioritised for action as soon				overall	score.		_	
	NONE (Score 0), LOW need (Score 1), MED	IUM need (Sc			l need (S			_	
tuation	How much help or support do you need with:		0	1	2	3		_	
Situat	1)any of the jobs that you do in your caring role?							<b>—</b> 20	
r A: aring	2)any caring jobs that you would prefer not to do?							_	
PART A: The Current Caring Sit	3)making a plan of who to contact in case of an emergency?							-	
e Curr	4)giving medication, or checking it has been taken?							_	
취	5)supporting or caring for anyone else in the family?		<b>(</b>					_	
	6) speaking to someone about getting support with your caring	role?	<b>(</b>					<b>—</b> 10	
being	7) feeling bullied or lonely because of your caring role?		(**)				J		
B: Well	8)your own health or with how you feel?		<u>(U)</u>				(	)	
PART B: Carer Health & Wellbeing	9)having a break or time away from your caring role?		<u>(i)</u>	$\odot$			$\cup$		
	10) anything that is stressful about school or college, or stressful	ıl in general?	(0)		<u> </u>		Total Score	_	
	Sub-total of alerts						30016		ال
C) Check if there is anything else the young person wants to talk about or raise as a concern, or wishes to record themselves on the CAT-YC (make notes overleaf as appropriate)									
D) How able do you feel to continue providing care at the current level for the Not Very Able Very A						Very Able	_		
pe	rsan/neanle? Inlease circle one number on the scale)		1		2	2	4	5	

<u>SECTION 4:</u> IMPORTANT NEXT STEPS For any medium or high needs please contact Barnardos Action with Young Carers Service on 0151 228 4455 or via email <u>youngcarers.liverpool@barnardos.org.uk</u> so a team member can provide information and support to request a young carers assessment of need. Some general guidance is below.

Q1	Encourage young carer to talk about what their caring role involves; provide advice or refer for support if necessary											
Q2	Discuss likes/dislikes and consider onward referral to appropriate services, if necessary											
Q3	Discuss emergency plan and provide list of names and contact numbers in an easily accessible format											
Q4	Discuss concerns; if appropriate, liaise with health and social care professionals											
Q5	Encourage young carer to talk about family situation and refer for support as necessary											
Q6	Discuss who else (if anyone) supports them (formally or informally) and liaise with or refer as necessary											
Q7	Discuss concerns, provide information as necessary and speak to school staff if agreed and required											
Q8	Provide information and liaise with appropriate health care professionals, if agreed and required											
Q9	Provide information about local groups or services in the community											
Q10	Identify concerns and liaise with named contact at school/college, if agreed, or other health and social care professionals, if necessary											
	SECTION 5: MAKE A PLAN TOGETHER: Use this table to briefly note the details of up to three priority alerts requiring action											
	any actions taken today, any next steps w			-								
(Identif	summary of needs identified by alerts fy what would help most at this time) tise any HIGH needs identified	Any immediate action taken? (e.g. info, advice or referral to other services)	Any next steps required? (e.g. referral to other services)	Who is responsible for the next step or follow-up?	Date of review or follow up							
Staff	Notes:		Young Carer Notes:									
<b>SECTION 6:</b> Next Review: Agree a review date and who should be responsible for following up the review. All questions must be revisited during a review to monitor the support provided and any change in the alerts.												
Date of next review												