

Parent Carer's Needs Assessment

Carer's Name:	
Carer's ID:	
Child's Name:	
Relationship of Carer to child:	
Worker's Name:	
Team:	
Date Assessment started:	
Date Assessment completed and signed off by Carer and WCC	

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What is a Parent Carer's needs assessment?

It's an assessment for carers under Section 17 ZD of the Children Act 1989 who;

- live in Warwickshire;
- are 18 years or over;
- provides or intends to provide care for a disabled child
- has parental responsibility.

What does the law say?

Under s.17ZD Children Act 1989;

- (1) A local authority in England must, if the conditions in subsections (3) and (4) are met, assess whether a parent carer within their area has needs for support and, if so, what those needs are.
- (2) In this Part “parent carer” means a person aged 18 or over who provides or intends to provide care for a disabled child for whom the person has parental responsibility.
- (3) The first condition is that—
 - (a) it appears to the authority that the parent carer may have needs for support, or
 - (b) the authority receive a request from the parent carer to assess the parent carer's needs for support.
- (4) The second condition is that the local authority are satisfied that the disabled child cared for and the disabled child's family are persons for whom they may provide or arrange for the provision of services under section 17.
- (5) An assessment under subsection (1) is referred to in this Part as a “parent carer's needs assessment”.
- (6) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a parent carer if the local authority have previously carried out a care-related assessment of the parent carer in relation to the same disabled child cared for.
- (7) But subsection (1) does apply (and so a parent carer's needs assessment must be carried out) if it appears to the authority that the needs or circumstances of the parent carer or the disabled child cared for have changed since the last care-related assessment.
- (8) “Care-related assessment” means—
 - (a) a parent carer's needs assessment;
 - (b) an assessment under any of the following—
 - (i) section 1 of the Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995;
 - (ii) section 6 of the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000;
 - (iii) section 4(3) of the Community Care (Delayed Discharges) Act 2003.

- (9) A parent carer's needs assessment must include an assessment of whether it is appropriate for the parent carer to provide, or continue to provide, care for the disabled child, in the light of the parent carer's needs for support, other needs and wishes.
- (10) A local authority in carrying out a parent carer's needs assessment must have regard to—
- (a) the well-being of the parent carer, and
 - (b) the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the disabled child cared for and any other child for whom the parent carer has parental responsibility.
- (11) In subsection (10) "well-being" has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Care Act 2014.
- (12) A local authority, in carrying out a parent carer's needs assessment, must involve—
- (a) the parent carer,
 - (b) any child for whom the parent carer has parental responsibility, and
 - (c) any person who the parent carer requests the authority to involve.
- (13) A local authority that have carried out a parent carer's needs assessment must give a written record of the assessment to—
- (a) the parent carer, and
 - (b) any person to whom the parent carer requests the authority to give a copy. must, if the conditions in (a) and (b) below are met, assess whether a parent carer within their area has needs for support and, if so, what those needs are;
- i. The first condition is that it appears to the authority that the parent carer may have needs for support, or the authority receive a request from the parent carer to assess the parent carer's needs for support.
 - ii. The second condition is that the local authority are satisfied that the disabled child cared for and the disabled child's family are persons for whom they may provide or arrange for the provision of services under s.17 of the Children Act 1989.

For the purposes of Section 17 a child is disabled if he is blind, deaf or dumb or suffers from mental disorder of any kind or is substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity or such other disability as may be prescribed;

- "development" means physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development; and
- "health" means physical or mental health.

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For the purposes of the Children Act 1989 "well-being" has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Care Act 2014;

Promoting individual well-being¹

- 1) The general duty of a local authority, in exercising a function under this Part in the case of an individual, is to promote that individual's well-being.
- 2) "Well-being", in relation to an individual, means that individual's well-being so far as relating to any of the following;
 - a) personal dignity (including treatment of the individual with respect);
 - b) physical and mental health and emotional well-being;
 - c) protection from abuse and neglect;
 - d) control by the individual over day-to-day life (including over care and support, or support, provided to the individual and the way in which it is provided);
 - e) participation in work, education, training or recreation;
 - f) social and economic well-being;
 - g) domestic, family and personal relationships;
 - h) suitability of living accommodation;
 - i) the individual's contribution to society.
- 3) In exercising a function under this Part in the case of an individual, a local authority must have regard to the following matters in particular;
 - a) the importance of beginning with the assumption that the individual is best-placed to judge the individual's well-being;
 - b) the individual's views, wishes, feelings and beliefs;
 - c) the importance of preventing or delaying the development of needs for care and support or needs for support and the importance of reducing needs of either kind that already exist;
 - d) the need to ensure that decisions about the individual are made having regard to all the individual's circumstances (and are not based only on the individual's age or appearance or any condition of the individual's or aspect of the individual's behaviour which might lead others to make unjustified assumptions about the individual's well-being);
 - e) the importance of the individual participating as fully as possible in decisions relating to the exercise of the function concerned and being provided with the information and support necessary to enable the individual to participate;
 - f) the importance of achieving a balance between the individual's wellbeing and that of any friends or relatives who are involved in caring for the individual;
 - g) the need to protect people from abuse and neglect;
 - h) the need to ensure that any restriction on the individual's rights or freedom of action that is involved in the exercise of the function is kept to the minimum necessary for

¹ Part 1 of the Care Act 2014
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achieving the purpose for which the function is being exercised.

Assessing Non Parent Carers

Non parent carers (i.e. those without Parental Responsibility) of disabled children will be assessed under the following legislation;

- Young carers (where the carer is themselves under 18 years) of disabled children will be assessed under section 17ZA Children Act 1989
- Adult non-parent carers (aged over 18) of disabled children would be assessed under section 1 Carers Recognition and Services Act 1995, they must request an assessment. Non parent carers would include grandparents, aunts, uncles and any other adult without parental responsibility looking after a disabled child.

What is it for?

Warwickshire are committed to understanding the needs of parent carers. By completing this assessment you will have the chance to tell us how your caring role affects your life and well-being. This will help us to assess your needs separately from the child or young person you care for. We will ask you questions which relate to areas of your life that may be affected by your caring role.

How is the assessment completed?

Your assessment will be completed with the support of a Social Worker or Family Support Worker at your assessment meeting, the date of this meeting is stated on page 1. ***Care will be taken during the assessment to ensure needs of the child or young person you are caring for are assessed separately from your needs as a carer.***

The questions within the assessment do not specifically ask how a carer's health may be affected via their caring role, when completing the impact statement after each outcome question please consider, if appropriate how your health is affected and provide evidence for this.

Numbers of Assessments

Normally only one assessment of the primary carer will be carried out; where care of the disabled child is shared between parent carers in different settings assessments of both parent carers will be undertaken, Where there is more than one disabled child being cared for this will be taken in to account within the assessment and may result in an additional carer support package.

What happens after your assessment has been agreed?

Once we have carried out your assessment we will use s 17ZF Children Act 1989 to consider and decide the following;

- a) whether the parent carer has needs for support in relation to the care which he or she provides or intends to provide;
- b) whether the disabled child cared for has needs for support;
- c) if paragraph (a) or (b) applies, whether those needs could be satisfied (wholly or partly) by services which the authority may provide under section 17; and
- d) if they could be so satisfied, whether or not to provide any such services in relation to the

parent carer or the disabled child cared for.”

What happens next?

If we agree that you have needs that should be met by the Local Authority under s17ZD and s 17ZF Children Act 1989 we will agree a care package to support you. In most cases this will be in the form of a direct payment. **Please note:** you will not be able to use a parent carer direct payment to support the care needs of the disabled child or young person you are caring for, their needs should be met via their own assessment of need. If you feel their needs are not being met by their care package please contact your Social Worker to discuss whether a review should take place.

What is a direct payment?

A direct payment is the amount of money that a council agrees needs to be spent in order for a person to have care and support to meet their needs.

How do we decide how much money I can have?

Any decisions regarding a direct payment will be made in line with the Children Act 1989, the Children and Families Act 2014 and Warwickshire County Council’s policies and procedures.

We will give you an idea of how much direct payment you may receive, and your Social Worker or Family Support Worker will arrange to visit you to complete a support plan.

During this visit you will have the chance to tell us how you would like to use your direct payment to help you in the areas of your life where you have identified you need support.

A direct payment is an annual allocation and the amount of budget you are offered may be subject to change at a point when your needs are reviewed.

How can your Direct Payment be used?

In principle a direct payment can be used for any expenditure that meets outcomes defined in the agreed support plan as long as expenditure is lawful, effective and affordable.

- Lawful: The expenditure identified as part of the support plan is legitimate and does not contravene any national guidance on how funds can be used.
- Effective: the proposals in the support plan relate to the agreed outcomes which will meet the assessed eligible needs
- Affordable: the total planned expenditure identified can be met within the personal budget.

The budget can be used for a wide range of activities that support the outcomes in the carers support plan as approved by the Council.

Allowed Contingency Funds

Carers with direct payments have the ability to plan for savings across their budgets to enable them to cope with unexpected changes and minor emergencies. The contingency may be between 10-15% of the total annual value of the direct payment. Carers will be able to carry over up to this specified value in their direct payment bank account before the Council would consider recovering funds.

What a Direct Payment cannot be spent on

- Anything that is illegal or is illegal to purchase, or that would endanger a child or young person or any other person;
- Gambling;
- Debt repayment;
- Alcohol;
- Tobacco;
- Clothing;

What if I'm not entitled to a direct payment?

If your needs are assessed but you are not offered a direct payment, there are other ways in which you can be supported as a carer. We will discuss these with you once the assessment has been completed.

Contact Details

Your personal details		
Title:		
First name:		
Last name:		
Preferred name:		
Date of birth:		
Male or Female:		
Ethnic background:		
Religion:		
Language you prefer to speak:		
Are you a lone carer?	Y	N
Your Address:		
Email address:		
Telephone number:		
How you would like to be contacted:		
Next of kin:		
Address:		
GP details and address:		
Do you have any health or disability issue, if so please give details:		

Details of the person(s) you care for:

Person 1

Title:	
First name:	
Last name:	
Date of birth:	
Male or Female:	
Address:	
Your relationship to the person you care for:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
How they would like to be contacted:	

Person 2 (if applicable)

Title:	
First name:	
Last name:	
Date of birth:	
Male or Female:	
Address:	
Your relationship to the person you care for:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
How they would like to be contacted:	

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Your caring role

Please select the need that this person has which requires you to provide support to them

	Person 1	Person 2
Physical Disability		
Learning Disability Support		
Mental Health Support		
Access and Mobility Only (inc Lifting and Handling)		
Personal Care Support		
Support for Dual Impairment		
Support for Hearing Impairment		
Support for Visual Impairment		
Support for Medical Needs		
Support for Sensory Processing Disorder		
Support for communication (signing, Makaton, interpreting)		

Please provide some further descriptions that best describes them

How long you have been caring for them?

What are the main daily tasks you carry out your child or young person you care for?

Do you have any other parental or family responsibilities aside from your main caring role?

Are there any other tasks involved in your caring role such as

- giving medication,
- dealing with finances, or
- making appointments for the child or young person you care for?

Is the care given reflected in the cared for's care plan?

Y/N

If not what is required to support the carer/cared for?

Questions

1. I am able to carry out any caring responsibilities I have for a child

Carers should consider any parenting or other caring responsibilities they have for any other child in addition to the caring role they have for the disabled child. This includes children, step- children, grandchildren and other children for whom they are expected to care for in a non-paid capacity.

1. I have no responsibilities for caring for an additional child	
2. No impact on my caring responsibilities for an additional child	
3. There is some impact on my caring responsibilities for an additional child	
4. I am unable to carry out caring responsibilities for an additional child some of the time	
5. I am unable to carry out caring responsibilities for an additional child all of the time	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

2. I am able to provide care to other persons who care for

Carers should consider any additional caring responsibilities they may have for other adults. E.g. caring for a parent or another adult in addition to caring for the disabled child

1. I have no responsibilities for caring for another person	
2. There is no impact on my caring responsibilities for another person	
3. There is some impact on my caring responsibilities for another person	
4. Unable to carry out caring responsibilities for another person some of the time	
5. Unable to carry out caring responsibilities for another person all of the time	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

3. I am able to maintain a habitable home environment

Carers should consider whether the condition of their home is safe and an appropriate environment to live in and whether it presents a significant risk to their wellbeing. A habitable home should be safe and have essential amenities such as water, electricity and gas.

1. I am able to maintain a habitable home environment	
2. There is some impact on maintaining a habitable home environment	
3. I am unable to maintain a habitable home some of the time	
4. I am unable to maintain a habitable home all of the time	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

4. I am able to manage and maintain my nutritional needs

Carers should consider whether they have time to do essential shopping and to prepare meals for themselves and their family.

1. I am able to manage and maintain nutrition	
2. There is some impact on ability to manage/maintain nutrition	
3. I am unable to manage/maintain nutrition some of the time	
4. I am unable to manage/maintain nutrition all of the time	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

5. I am able to develop and maintain family or other significant personal relationships

Carers should consider whether their caring role prevents them from maintaining key relationships with family and friends or from developing new relationships where they do not already have other personal relationships.

1. I am able to develop/maintain relationships	
2. There is some impact on my ability to develop/maintain relationships	
3. I am unable to develop/maintain relationships some of the time	
4. I am unable to develop/maintain relationships all of the time	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

6. I am able to engage in work, training, education or volunteering

Carers should consider whether are able to engage in work, pursue education, volunteer or have the opportunity to get a job, if they are not in employment.

1. I am able to engage in work/learning as I wish	
2. There is some impact on my ability to engage in the work/learning I wish	
3. I am unable to engage in work/learning I wish some of the time	
4. I am unable to engage in work/learning I wish all of the time	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

7. I am able to make use of facilities or services in the community

Carers should consider whether they have an opportunity to make use of the local community's services and facilities, and for example consider whether they have time to use recreational facilities such as gyms or swimming pools.

1. I am able to make use of necessary facilities/services	
2. There is some impact to making use of necessary facilities/services.	
3. I am unable to make use of necessary facilities/services some times	
4. I am unable to make use of necessary facilities/services all of the time	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

8. I am able to engage in recreational activities

Carers should consider whether they have leisure time, which might for example be some free time to read, engage in a hobby or activity.

1. I am able to engage in recreational activities	
2. There is some impact on my ability to engage in recreational activities	
3. I am unable to engage in recreational activities some times	
4. I am unable to engage in recreational activities at all times	

The impact on my wellbeing of this is:

A. There is no significant impact on my wellbeing	
B. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 25% the time	
C. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 50% of the time	
D. There is a significant impact on my wellbeing 75%+ of the time	

Please explain this impact

Additional Information

Do you, or the person you care for, currently receive any other forms of ongoing support?

For instance; through formal social care, voluntary agencies or family and friends?

Yes

No

Please describe any support that you or the person you care for receives:

What would make a difference to me and support me in my caring role?

Is there any specific information you want that will help you in your caring role?

If you know what information you want please give details:

Has the carer been signposted to contact the local parent support services (e.g. Family Information Service) or local groups (e.g. Family Voice Warwickshire)?

Yes

No

N/A

Have any specific risks been identified during the assessment that need highlighting?

Please record the following details below:

- Risk name
- Actions taken
- When will this be followed up?

Some examples manual handling, safeguarding

Consent and Permission

I understand that by filling in the carer's assessment I am providing Warwickshire County Council (WCC) with my personal information in order that it is used to identify my needs and help plan my support. WCC works with partners to provide me with support. The information you have given in this carer's assessment may need to be shared with other people and partner organisations that provide services so that my needs can be met.

By completing this questionnaire I agree and am aware that my information may be shared with others in order to best support me.

Please tick below if you **do not wish** your information to be shared with any of the following people/organisations (you can change this later if you wish):

Other family members:	
Health services:	
Schools or Educational establishments:	
Voluntary organisation(s):	
GP:	
Other agencies involved with the person I care for:	
Other:	
If other, please name:	

How your information may be used

We work with our partners, for example GPs, to provide you with public services. To do this, we may need to share your information with others. We will do this in a way that protects your privacy.

We are under a duty to protect public funds. We may use any of the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. We may also share this information with other bodies that are responsible for auditing or administering public funds.

Please let us know when any of your contact details change. You have the right to know what information we hold about you and we try to make sure it is correct.

In Signing this, I acknowledge that I have been involved as much as possible in this assessment.

Signed

Date

On behalf of Warwickshire County Council I agree this assessment is a correct record of our discussions and that all eligible needs that the council will meet under the Children and Families Act 2014 have been considered.

Signed by Social Care Worker

Date

Comments and complaints

If you have any comments or complaints about this service, please let us know by contacting **your social work team first**. If you are not able to do this, any member of staff will be pleased to help you. Or, you can contact:

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Shire Hall
Warwick
CV34 4RD.
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Email: customerrelations@warwickshire.gov.uk

Website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk



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