



Great Yarmouth & Gorleston Young Carers

Confidentiality & Information Sharing Policy

- In general, all personal and sensitive information will be treated as confidential as per the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
- Where it has been agreed with young people/vulnerable adult and parents' information will be shared with relevant agencies and organisations
- Referral forms have a section to enable them to be passed on to other young carers organisations if young person/vulnerable adult is not of a relevant age for our organisation
- The welfare of the child and young adult is paramount. Confidential information may be disclosed to Children's Services or the Police if a child's/young person or vulnerable adult's health and welfare needs protecting, or when a crime has, or may be, committed
- In cases of medical or other sensitive information being held, members of the group will only be informed on a 'need to know' basis
- If a concern about the welfare of a child, young person or vulnerable adult is raised it is important for everyone to understand that they may not promise confidentiality
- A young person of 16 years or younger (if they can understand and make their own decisions) may give or refuse consent. If in doubt, seek professional or legal advice