

Young Carers Authorisation Form (Medicines Collection) Supporting Information



Background

The Young Carers Authorisation Form (Medicines Collection) is intended to make it easier for young people with caring responsibilities (young carers) to collect medicines from a pharmacy on behalf of the person they help to look after.

It can help some families if young carers in the family are able to collect medicines for the person they care for. This can be especially important where there is no adult in the household other than the person with the illness or disability.

The Young Carers Authorisation Form (Medicines Collection) is intended to be used with young carers aged between 13 and 17 when it is likely to be more appropriate for them to be collecting medicines. However, in all cases, it should be used in accordance with the professional judgement of the pharmacist and align with Royal Pharmaceutical guidelines (see The Royal Pharmaceutical Society Quick Reference Guide at www.rpharms.com/unsecure-support-resources/children-collecting-medicines-from-a-pharmacy.asp).

Delivery service

When a patient requests a Young Carers Authorisation Form (Medicines Collection), you may wish to instead promote your medicines delivery service, if available. For young carers and their families, a medicines delivery service is likely to be preferable to a young carer collecting medicines themselves.

Patient Medication Record

It is good practice to make a record on the Patient Medical Record of the person being cared for, to show that the Young Carers Authorisation Form (Medicines Collection) has been received and that the young carer has received permission to collect medicines on behalf of the patient. It is also good practice to record each time the young person collects the medicines from the pharmacy.

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