



Swindon Carers Centre celebrates grant from The Big Lottery Fund



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Swindon Carers Centre is delighted to have been awarded **£129,036** from The Big Lottery Fund! The money will secure work on our Young Carer Award for the next 3 years.

The schools, academies and colleges currently working in partnership with us on the award standards are ensuring more and more Young Carers in the town are recognised, valued and supported. The range of creative support mechanisms being developed by Young Carer Leads and their Young Carers in our schools is outstanding.

This Big Lottery Fund grant will help us work towards ensuring all Young Carers in Swindon are able to access support in all phases of education, to enable them to achieve their best whilst balancing school and college life with their caring roles.

Cath Johnston CEO says “This is such fantastic news for us as an organisation but more importantly for the young carers of Swindon. We will be working hard with all education settings to make sure young carers are supported to achieve their aspirations.”

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Notes to editors

- Swindon Carers Centre is part of the national network of the Carers Trust
- The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out 40% of the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery
- The Fund is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need and has been rolling out grants to health, education, environment and charitable causes across the UK. Since its inception in 2004 it has awarded close to £6bn
- The Fund was formally established by Parliament on 1 December 2006
- SCC offers help and support to people in Swindon who have caring responsibilities
- There are approximately 19,500 carers of all ages (including children and young people) in the Borough of Swindon and Swindon Carers Centre is available to provide them with much needed support, help and information
- You can find more information about Swindon Carers Centre: www.swindoncarers.org.uk
- You can find more information about The Big Lottery Fund: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

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