**Other Support Available: Case Study 2**

In many cases a referral to your local young carers service is the best course of action. However other support is available either in conjunction with a referral or instead of one. This could be due to the family not

giving consent or the scenario not fitting with local eligibility criteria.

**Example of a family:**

James is 17 years old.

His mum has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and has attempted to end her life on several occasions.

James assists with medication, managing finances and attending medical appointments.

He has 2 younger sisters and his step dad left the family home 2 years ago.

**Local YC service eligibility**

**criteria for accepting referrals:**

Supports ages 5 - 18; after 18 they can move into in-house adult carers support

Young carers who are providing large amounts of personal and/or emotional care.

Any young carers being significantly affected by a caring situation, e.g. missing school, poor performance, health problems and bullying.

**Your thoughts**

**Question**

Do you think that James is a young carer?

Do you think that a referral to your local young carer service would be appropriate?

Do you need more information to make a decision? What information do you need?

Regardless of whether you make a referral, what other support may be appropriate in this case?

How would you go about getting any more information?