**Other Support Available: Case Study 3**

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:**

Abdul is 11 years old.

His 9 year old brother has ADHD & autism.

Dad isn’t on the scene but mum provides a lot of support for her younger son as well her mother who has MS. She also runs her own hairdressing business.

Abdul has a poor lateness record at school and mum can also be late picking him up.

**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 Abdul 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?