Services available to you in the Bristol area

Here are a list of **free** services that we would recommend you look through who could help support you whilst you wait for an assessment. These services are aimed to support young people all over Bristol.

Youth and play organisations:

Name of service	Description	Website	Age range
Young Carers Service Carers Support Centre	Providing free activities, groups and 1-1 support for young carers. Also undertakes statutory assessments for young carers.	Help for young carers Carers Support Centre youngc@carerssupportcentre.org.uk 0117 9589980	5-17 years old
ACTA	Drama club for young carers in South or East Bristol. On Thursdays 5-6pm, on Zoom at present. To refer your child, please follow the link and sign your child up.	https://www.acta-bristol.com/	10-18 years old
Bagga Bites Youth	Free takeaway for 12-18 years old	https://www.facebook.com/baggator.bristol/	12-18 year olds
Barnardos	Youth services, support for young people particularly with homelessness, employment/training/skills and LGBTQ+	https://www.barnardos.org.uk/	Children of all ages
Brave Bold Drama	Hartcliffe based for families living in BS13, range of art based activities	https://bravebolddrama.co.uk/	6-12 years old
Bristol Black Carers	Providing support and assistance for Caribbean, African and Asian carers in Bristol	http://www.bristolblackcarers.org.uk/	8-18 years old

Bristol Drugs Project	Support young carers of parents with substance use.	http://www.bdp.org.uk/	5-16 years old
Creative Youth	1-1 support covering a wide range of topics.	www.creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk	11-19 years
Network (CYN)	Weekly young carers group in East Central and		old
	South Bristol. Open access youth groups In		
	different location in the city.		
Children's	Check your local Children's Centre for activities,	https://digital.bristol.gov.uk/schools-	Children
Centres	advice, and guidance for family support. You will	learning-early-years/register-children-	and family
	need to register your child at your local centre.	centre	support for
		North Bristol Children's Centre:	all ages
	North Bristol Children's Centre:	Website - https://northbristolcc.org.uk/	
	Covers Filten Avenue, Upper Horfield, Lockleaze,	Phone number - 0117 2772685	
	Southmead, Brentry, Henbury, Sea Mills, Long	Email - nbcc@bristol-schools.uk	
	Cross and Avonmouth		-
		Central Bristol Children's Centre:	
	Central Bristol Children's Centre:	Website – www.centralbristolcc.co.uk	
	Covers St Pauls, Barton Hill, City Centre,	Phone Number – 0117 9030337	
	Hotwells, Redcliffe, Whitehall, St Judes, Easton, Lawrence Hill	Email – stpaulsncc@bristol-schools.uk	
		South Bristol Children's Centre	
	South Bristol Children's Centre	Website - http://www.southbristolcc.org.uk/	
	Covers Bedminster, Withywood, Hartcliffe,	Phone number – 07795952621	
	Whitchurch, Stockwood, Knowle, part of Redcliffe and Totterdown	Email – sbcc@bristol-schools.uk	



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Empire Fighting	This is a programme that integrates mentoring,	Call: 0117 233 8700	8 – 16
Chance	carers support and therapy with boxing to support	Email: Info@empirefightingchance.org	year olds
	young people. You can refer your child on the website	https://www.empirefightingchance.org	
Felix Road	Open access adventure playground location in	https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/our-	Children
Adventure	Easton. Please check link for opening times	places/felix-road/	aged 8-14
Playground (Easton)	during term time and school holidays	Contact: 0117 954 1409 Email: Contact@upourstreet.org.uk	years old
Sense	Support for siblings and young carers in Bristol & South Glos. Free activities, groups and 1-1 support, both face to face and online. Group meets in Kingswood.	https://www.sense.org.uk/our- services/support-for-children/support-for- young-carers-and-siblings/	5-18 years old
St Pauls Adventure Playground	Open sessions Also has an onsite bike project/workshop with access to the public. Younger children are welcome if supervised by an adult.	https://stpaulsventures.org.uk/ Contact: 0117 954 2145	All ages
Southmead Adventure Playground	Open access service for play, cooking and fun activities. Check out their Facebook page for upto-date timetable for events and activities coming up. Under 8s are welcome if supervised by an adult.	https://southmead.org/youth-play Contact: 0117 950 3335 Email: info@southmead.org	8-13 years old
Full Circle Project @ Docklands	Youth support groups, fencing, music groups, coding club, basketball, and football.	http://fullcircleproject.org.uk/ Contact: 0117 9077 164	8+ years old

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Learning	Community support for youth work engagement.	https://www.lpw.org.uk/	6-25 year
Partnership West	Play sessions @ the hideout adventure	Contact: 0117 987 3700	olds
(LPW) Play	playground (BS13 0RF, Teyfant Road)	Email: enquiries@lpw.org.uk	
	Urban Park – Thursdays 3-5pm (<i>Barton Hill</i>)		
Life Cycle UK	Help children and young people learn to cycle	https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/youth	8+ years
	and become more confident. 1-1, group rides and youth activities.		old
Young Bristol	Youth services, youth clubs, outdoorsy activities,	https://youngbristol.com/	8-19 years
	and creative activities. These clubs are based all		old
	over Bristol. Please see the link to see where		
	your nearest club is.		
Youth Moves	Youth services, sport, music, outdoors, youth	https://www.youthmoves.org.uk/	12+ years
(South Bristol)	clubs, 1-1 mentoring, extra-curricular education		olds
	support, social action/volunteering support,		
Your Holiday Hub	Information on free activities in the school	https://www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk/	All ages
	holidays		
Bristol City	Information on youth activities	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-	All ages
Council		learning-and-early-years/information-for-	
		young-people-in-bristol/activities-for-young-	
		people	







Schools and education:

Name of service	Description	Website	Age range
Carers Support Centre (Our Service)	Check to see if your child's school or college is already registered with our Young Carers in Schools programme (YCiS). If you can't see your child's school, please check with your school to see if they have a young carers staff lead or champion.	Here is a link to all the schools who are signed up to the YCiS programme. Schools Young Carers lead are listed. https://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk/young-carers/young-carers-in-schools/	All age ranges
Off The Record (OTR) Mental Health support in schools	This service supports young people around mental health. They have groups that meet online and provide 1-1 support in schools. The school will need to be registered with OTR. Please contact the school to register your child.	Here is a link to a list of schools that are registered with OTR: https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mhst/	11+
School Nurses	The Bristol and South Gloucestershire School Nursing Service. It is available to all children and young people living, or at school/college within the Bristol and South Gloucestershire local authority area, as a first point of contact for advice and signposting.	https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/school-health-nursing/bristol-south-gloucestershire North Bristol School Nurse Team: 0300 124 5816 South Bristol School Nurse Team: 0300 125 6277 East & Central Bristol School Nurse Team: 0117 939 3760	5-19 years old

Further Education:

Name of service	Description	Website	Age ranges
Young Carers Service	The transition workshop is to give advice and guidance to young people to explore their options moving into further education. We have also listened below other services to support further education.	Transition Workshops: Please speak to your child's support worker to discuss joining this free workshop.	15+
Square Meals Foundation	12-week programme, see website for start dates	https://www.squarefoodfoundation.co.uk/how-to-be-a-chef	16+
Babbasa	Inspiring and supporting under-represented young people in Bristol to pursue their ambitions through skills training, professional mentoring, events and recruitment support services	https://babbasa.com/contact/ Telephone: 01173290717	16 – 25 years old
Princes Trust	The Princes Trust run programmes to help young people get into employment	https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/ Telephone: 0800 842 842	16+





Health and Wellbeing:

Name of service	Description	Website	Age range
AFC (Text Crisis Support) SHOUT	Free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service. If you need support you can text AFC to 85258	https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/afc- crisis-messenger/ LGBTQI+ Mental health support https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/lgbtqi- mental-health/	11+
Heart to Heart Counselling	Free counselling for ages 12+	https://hearttoheartbristol.co.uk/	12+
Kooth	Free anonymous online text counselling for young people	http://www.kooth.com/	11+
Love Squared (Previously Leading Lights)	A specialist mental health and SEN charity based in Bristol. They provide creative and imaginative support for children and families affected by social, emotional, and mental health needs. Their services include telephone emotional support, therapeutic support and 1:1 mentoring.	https://lovesquared.org.uk/glow/	5+
Mind Info Line	Online and telephone resource that doesn't offer counselling but provides a safe space to anonymously discuss your mental health concerns.	https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines/ Telephone: 0300 1233393	Parent and child support
Nilaari	Social care and talking therapies for BAME	https://www.nilaari.co.uk/ Telephone: 01179525742	Under 25

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Sidekick Action for Children	Sidekick is a confidential helpline for young carers in the UK. You can message us any time about anything that is bothering you as a young carer.	https://sidekick.actionforchildren.org.uk/ Text: 07888 868 059	13-18 years old
Off The Record	Youth services, mental health support	Please check out their range of services: https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/	11-25 years old
The Mix	A free mental health service. The Mix offers a range of short-term support options for getting help without leaving home, 1:1 chats, telephone or crisis messenger. With information and support for young carers and a weekly online young carers chat group.	https://www.themix.org.uk/ Telephone: 0808 808 4994	11-25 years old
The NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline	Short online quiz for all ages allowing you to access local mental heath services	https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline	All ages
Young Minds	Ideas for practical support	https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young- person/my-feelings	11+

