

A Young Carer Story in Brent



Daniel lives with Grandma, he is 17 and is now caring for her as she has developed early stage dementia and suspected Parkinson's. Grandma has balance and mobility problems as well as bipolar, depression and anxiety.

Daniel prepares all her meals, arranges and takes her to medical appointments, manages prescriptions, and looks after the home. Care workers help twice a day with bathing & dressing.

Daniel has developed his own health problems - he has chronic fatigue syndrome and stress can trigger flare ups. He is juggling going to college alongside caring for Grandma.

Daniel contacted Brent Young Carers Service as he was struggling with attending college due to his own health and caring responsibilities. His college had marked his attendance below the level required for his bursary and he was struggling for money. The college informed him that he would have to pay for each A Level exam he takes, due to his low attendance.

Our Young Carers Service liaised with the college and negotiated a personalised arrangement to meet his needs & circumstances:

Course work to be sent to him on the days he could not attend college.

A Reduced timetable, so he only had to be in college when he had lessons with his half and full study days timetabled to take place at home.

His attendance record went back up, which meant his bursary could be reinstated and he could be entered for exams without paying exam fees.

This was a huge help to the Daniel as he was struggling to juggle his studies, his caring responsibilities and his health. Without the bursary he would not have been able to continue the course or pay for his exams.

Without the support of Brent Young Carers Service, Daniel would not have been able to finish his A Levels.

Names have been changed to retain anonymity. Picture posed by models.