

# the role of parents, carers and support workers

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Communication should always be with the person volunteering and not with their parent, carer or support worker. However the volunteer may wish for them to be involved in discussions.

Work with the parent, carer or support worker to make sure that there is common understanding of the boundaries of their involvement.

Parents might be protective of the young disabled person and feel anxious about them volunteering. An informal meeting with both the young person and the parent can help to establish what their concerns are and to address them.

