Looking After Mum:

A Children In Need Special BBC1, 10.35pm

With an estimated 700,000 young carers in the UK, the makers

of this film were presumably spoilt for choice when it came to finding three families to illustrate

their stories may not be unique,

the challenges faced. But while

their courage is exemplary. For youngsters Tom and Joe, doling out medication for their mother, who has liver disease, is part of

daily life. Elsewhere, 11-year-old

Antonia-Rae is the sole carer

for her stroke-afflicted mother,

while Kashanna acts as her blind mother's eyes. ****