

15 January 2019		ITEM: 6
Corporate Parenting Committee		
Looked After Children Health Report		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: N/A	
Report of: Paula Gregory, Thurrock CCG Designated Nurse Looked After Children		
Accountable Assistant Director: Sheila Murphy, Assistant Director of Children and Families		
Accountable Director: Rory Patterson, Corporate Director of Children's Services		
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Executive Summary

Within appendix 1 – Looked After Children Health Report.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the Corporate Parenting Committee provides comments and it is requested that whilst there are ongoing concerns around the compliance of meeting statutory targets for Initial Health Assessment this issue should remain as a standing agenda item for the Corporate Parenting Committee.**
- 1.2 That the Corporate Parenting Committee provides comments and it is requested that due to the significant reduction in the reported number of children having an up to date dental check and being fully immunised, this area of care is kept as a standing agenda item to be monitored by the committee.**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Within appendix 1 – Looked After Children Health Report.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 Within appendix 1 – Looked After Children Health Report.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 N/A

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 N/A

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 N/A

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Michelle Hall**
Management Accountant

There are no financial implications, however any costs associated with this report need to be met from existing resources.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Lindsey Marks**
Deputy Head of Legal Community

The Local Authority, through its Corporate Parenting responsibilities, has a duty to promote the welfare of Looked After Children. This includes promoting the child's physical, emotional and mental health. Every Looked After Child should have a health assessment so that a health plan can be developed to reflect the child's health needs and be included as part of the child's overall care plan. As corporate parent, the local authority must ensure that children and young people receive the health care services they require as set out in their health plan. This includes medical and dental care treatment as well as advice and guidance on personal health care and health promotion issues. The Local Authority should advise the Clinical Commissioning Group when a child is initially accommodated.

The relevant Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England have a duty to cooperate with requests from the Local Authority to undertake health assessments and provide any necessary support services to Looked After Children without any undue delay and irrespective of whether the placement of the child is an emergency, short term or in another Clinical Commissioning Group. This also includes services to a child or young person experiencing mental illness.

Both the Local Authority and relevant Clinical Commissioning Group should develop effective communications and understandings between each other as part of being able to promote children's wellbeing.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Roxanne Scanlon**
**Community Engagement and Project
Monitoring Officer**

Whilst there are no direct implications arising from this report, the overall strategy seeks to address issues of inequality amongst looked after children.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

N/A

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

N/A

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1 – Looked After Children Health Report
- Appendix 2 – SET CCGs Looked After Children and Care Leaver Health Strategy 2018 – 2020

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