

IHA progress report for Corporate Parenting Committee.

NELFT (North East London Foundation Trust) are commissioned to provide the IHA's (Initial Health Assessment) for Basildon Brentwood and Thurrock. Within the past week it has come to the attention of the CCG that there are capacity challenges to undertake the IHA assessment of Thurrock children and this has been highlighted as a problem across a number of local authorities including Basildon Brentwood and Thurrock. This was raised to the Designated Nurse for Looked after Children, who promptly raised it the Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children and the Named Professional for Primary Care and the Commissioning lead for Thurrock. Following this, an early discussion was had with our Providers to review the possibility of having an extra clinic to clear the backlog of current IHA, this will be a temporary arrangement and in the interim regarding a long term plan, the CCG commissions and Providers plus senior managers within the CCG, will be discussing a future long term plans.

Problems with IHA are historical, so collectively across Essex we are in the early stages of discussing a central data base, which will be used a cross SET (Southend Essex and Thurrock) but please be advised this has not been agreed. The aim is to have one digital solution, which would show where the child is within the IHA pathway, this will be a live data base and have the ability to trace the child journey from when they come into care. The Designated Nurse for LAC has also arranged for the end of February 2020 for NELFT admin team and managers and Thurrock admin and management team for Social care, to meet to discuss if they feel there are any problems at admin level and if yes, how we can progress forward with a productive action plan.

Report End.

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