



Derby City Council

## CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

22 September 2015

# ITEM 8

Report of the Acting Strategic Director of  
Children and Young People

### Annual Health Report for Looked after Children 2014-15

#### SUMMARY

- 1.1 Children and young people encounter the same health risks as their peers; the degree is often intensified due to the previous abuse and neglect they have encountered. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (2015) states that looked after children and young people have greater mental health problems, along with developmental and physical health concerns such as speech and language problems, bedwetting, coordination difficulties and sight problems.

Furthermore the Department of Health (2015) argue that almost half of children in care have a diagnosable mental health disorder and two thirds have special educational needs. When there are delays in identifying or meeting the emotional and mental health needs this can have a detrimental effect on all aspects of their lives leading to happy healthy lives as adults.

- 1.2 The Statutory Guidance for Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked after Children (2015) directs that a report should be completed on the progress and delivery of service for Looked after Children annually. This report covers the period of 1.4.14 to 31.3.15.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To continue to work hard within the multiagency arena to ensure best outcomes for the children and young people in our care
- 2.2 Timeliness of health assessments. Continue to work with our Social Care partners to ensure there is a robust system in place to ensure data is recorded in a timely and accurate method for both health and social care systems
- 2.3 To continue to work hard within the multiagency arena to ensure best outcomes for the children and young people in our care
- 2.4 Timeliness of health assessments. Continue to work with our Social Care partners to ensure there is a robust system in place to ensure data is recorded in a timely and accurate method for both health and social care systems
- 2.5 Make effective use of the multi-agency task and finish group to ensure there is a clear and timely process for SDQ's to help inform the review health assessment

- 2.6 Regularly monitor performance through quarterly assurance reports (including RHA's for under 5's)
- 2.6 Consideration of a job description, role, given to a dedicated CAMHS team or secondment of a CAMHS professional into the looked after children multiagency team. To expand and further develop the psychological wellbeing service offer.
- 2.7 Consideration given to the recommended minimum guide to the recourses required for these roles.
- 2.8 Recommendations for the provider organisation and commissioners as part of business planning and service development.
- 2.9 The commissioning group and the Trust Safeguarding committee are asked to note the changes in minimum specifications for service design, and review how they would like to mitigate this risk and give guidance and recommendations on this issue.

<b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- 3.1 To ensure that all children and young people looked after have their health needs met in a timely fashion to help them reach their full potential.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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Reference Documentation

- 4.1 Department of Health and Department of Education (2009) Promoting the health and well-being of looked after children London DfE/DH
- 4.2 Department of Health and Department of Education (2015) Promoting the health and well-being of looked after children London DfE/DH
- 4.3 The Royal College of Nursing The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (2015) Looked after children: knowledge, skills and competences of health care staff. London Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- 4.4 NHS England (2013) Who Pays? Determining responsibility for payments to providers Leeds NHS England
- 4.5 NICE guideline (2013) Antisocial behaviour and conduct disorders in children and young people: recognition, intervention and management

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 None Applicable

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>  <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	This is report from Health and hence approved through their internal process: Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Safeguarding Committee And Southern Derbyshire CCG Quality Committee  Hazel Lymbery – Director of Specialist Services
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None

**Legal**

2.1 Statutory obligations for the Health to provide health services for Children in Care

**Personnel**

3.1 None

**IT**

4.1 To work towards and joined IT system

**Equalities Impact**

5.1 None

**Health and Safety**

6.1 None

**Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None

**Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None

**Risk Management**

9.1 None

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 The content of this report underpins the priority commitments of 'Enforcement and compliance and Safeguarding vulnerable children and young people and adults' under the Council pledge of 'safe'.