

**Annual Health Report for Looked after Children
April 1st 2015 – March 31st 2016**

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report describes how health commissioners and providers have worked together, in partnership with the local authority to meet the health needs of children in care in Derby City.
- 1.2 The report outlines service performance and sets out the objectives and priorities over the next financial year for children in care in Derby City. In July 2015 an inspection took place by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Derby City for looked after children and safeguarding. Within this report recommendation for looked after children have been included.

Looked after children and young people share many of the health risks and challenges and they often enter the care system with a worse level of health than their peers. This is often due to the blended effects of the impact of poor parenting, poverty, chaotic lifestyles, abuse and neglect (DH 2015).

The number of looked after children nationally has increased steadily over the past seven years. There were 69,540 looked after children on 31 March 2015, an increase of 1% compared to 31 March 2014 and an increase of 6% compared to 31 March 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive and comment upon the Annual Health Report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 As part of the remit of Corporate Parenting Committee it needs to be assured that the health needs of children in the care of Derby City Council are appropriately met, any challenges identified and progress made.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 See attached. Annual Health Report for Looked after Children; April 1st 2015 – March 31st 2016

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Pervez Akhtar – Corporate Parenting Lead
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Consideration needs to be given whether the commissioned health services are meeting the needs of children in care in Derby and are good value for money.

Legal

- 2.1 There is a statutory requirement to meet the health needs of children in care

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

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- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 It is important to ensure the health needs of children in care are being met in line with children in the wider community

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The content of this report underpins the priority commitment, Protecting vulnerable children, young people, adults and older people. Making sure that we take action to safeguard vulnerable adults and children that require higher levels of support including; our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities. This will involve early intervention and prevention wherever possible.