

## **Update of the Derby City Looked after Children (LAC) health team – Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (DHcFT)**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report provides Derby City Corporate Parenting Board a brief overview of the current and future looked after children health arrangements that Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG) Commission from Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (DHcFT).
- 1.2 Over the last few months there has been an opportunity to work closely with the Health Provider in order to review the Looked after Children Service. To enable this review Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG) Designated Professionals and the Children Commissioners have worked collaboratively and in partnership with DHcFT Children Services General Manager, Service Manager and the Looked after Children health team. The Provider has fully engaged in this review and has been willing to adapt in order to ensure that the health needs, statutory functions and responsibilities of looked after children are being met.

This review of the service has been facilitated by working closely with DHcFT in the development of a new Looked after Children (LAC) Service Specification that more accurately reflects the service that CCG is required to commission from the Health Provider in order to fulfil its statutory responsibilities. The new LAC Service Specification clearly explains in detail the statutory requirements, agreed practice principles for all cohorts of LAC living in Derby City (including those from other Local Authorities), LAC living close to home and those living at a distance. It is expected the final ratification of the service specification will take place by the end of July 2017 and will be in place until 31st March 2019.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To consider content of report and make appropriate recommendations

### **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.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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- 4.1 See attached: Update of the Derby City Looked after Children (LAC) health team – Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (DHcFT)

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

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>	
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**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.

**IT**

- 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.