

## CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – NOVEMBER 2017

<b>Title of paper:</b>	The Health of Children in Care of the Local Authority 2016 / 17 – Nottingham City	
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<b>Other colleagues who have provided input:</b>		
<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>		
<b>Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:</b>		
Strategic Regeneration and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Planning and Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy, Sustainability and Customer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jobs, Growth and Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adults, Health and Community Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Leisure and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p>Most children become looked after as a result of abuse and neglect. Although they have many of the same health issues as their peers, the extent of these is often greater because of their past experiences.</p> <p>The NHS has a major role in ensuring the timely and effective delivery of health services to looked after children (and, by extension, to care leavers) by commissioning effective services, delivering through provider organisations, and through individual practitioners providing coordinated care for each child.</p> <p>The attached document is the first CCG looked after children annual report and provides assurances that Nottingham City CCG is fulfilling its statutory responsibilities to children as outlined in the Children Act 1989 and Promoting the health and well-being of looked after children (2015).</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	To note – health providers supported by the Designated Professionals will continue to work with the Service Improvement Forum and associated working groups with the aim to improve the health outcomes for Children in Care.	

<b>2</b>	To note – Revised CCG pathways for out of area placements and other local authority placements in the City to be implemented in 2018.
<b>3</b>	To note – health providers supported by the Designated Professionals will continue to work with the Local Authority, other partner agencies and Commissioners in planning for and ensuring adequate health provision for Care Leavers.

## **1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 Following the County Pathway review in 2016 and recommendations made, the Nottinghamshire Service Improvement Forum is now an established group which includes representation from CCGs, health providers and the local authorities with the aim to improve health outcomes for children and young people in care across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire.
- 1.2 NHS Nottingham City CCG is responsible for all Looked after children originating from Nottingham City placed out of area and for ensuring the health provision is in place for placements by other local authorities in the City.
- 1.3 It is acknowledged that care leavers are a vulnerable group of young people needing good transition from children's to adult's services and who may be in contact with both.

## **2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 See Appendix 1: Looked After Children/Children in Care Annual Report 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017.

## **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 None

## **4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications or value for money issues arising from this report.

## **5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)**

- 5.1 None

## **6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)**

- 6.1 None

## **7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 An EIA is not required because the report does not contain proposals or financial decisions

## **8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

- 8.1 None

## **9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 9.1 Children Act 1989 HMSO.
- 9.2 Local Authority Interactive tool accessed 09.05.17.
- 9.3 Looked after Children: Knowledge, skills and competencies of healthcare staff. Intercollegiate Role Framework (RCGP, RCN & RCPCH) March 2015.
- 9.4 Children's Care Monitor: children on the state of Social Care in England: reported by the Children's Rights Director for England (2013/14).  
<http://deva.ioe.ac.uk/id/eprint/19818>
- 9.5 The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence and Social Care Institute for Excellence (2013) "Promoting the Quality of Life of Looked After Children and Young People" NICE Quality Standard 31.
- 9.6 The Statutory Guidance on "Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children "(2015) DH/DCSF.