

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD
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Title of paper:	The Health of Children in Care of the Local Authority 2018/19 – Nottingham City Update	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
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"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users)		
<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. The attached document is a requested update around health data and outlining statutory health assessment data collected and relevant issues.</p>		

Recommendation(s):	
1	To note that 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, including timeliness of statutory health assessments.
2	To note that revised data sets will be available from Q1/Q2, with more accurate data available for analysis.

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Nottinghamshire Children in Care Service Improvement Forum is now an established group, which includes representation from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), health providers and the local authority, with the aim to improve all 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 outside of the area, and for ensuring the health provision is in place for those placements by other local authorities in the city.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 None.

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 (EIA)

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

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

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Looked after children in Nottingham City – Corporate Parenting Board health update – 3 June 2019.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 9.1 Children Act 1989 HMSO.
- 9.2 Looked after Children: Knowledge, skills and competencies of healthcare staff. Intercollegiate Role Framework (RCGP, RCN & RCPCH) March 2015.
- 9.3 The Statutory Guidance on 'Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children' (2015) DH/DCSF.