

Name of meeting: Corporate Parenting Board
Date: 19th November 2018
Title of report: Kirklees Looked After Children – Annual Health Report April 2017 – March 2018

Purpose of report

The Looked after Children (LAC) Health Report, outlines the work that has taken place over the last year and provides assurance that the Clinical Commissioning Groups are fulfilling their statutory responsibilities.

The report provides a comprehensive picture of the work undertaken by the core LAC health team and the supporting provider agencies, that have worked together to ensure the health needs of looked after children and care leavers have been addressed.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Not applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Elaine McShane (for Sal Tariq) – 21.9.18
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Viv Kendrick

Electoral wards affected: Kirklees

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

1. **Summary**

The LAC Health Report provides general demographical information about the looked after children (LAC) and Care Leaver cohort and how it affects the work of the health team and their partner agencies.

The report is divided into sections to provide a clear outline of the different aspects of the work carried out.

Included is information related to the adoption and fostering process as undertaken by the Designated Doctor for Looked after Children.

The Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) as set by the Joint Health and Local Authority Commissioner, are presented along with a number of aspects that were chosen to be addressed throughout the year. Additional improvements to the service are explained and how gaps in service have been rectified.

Involvement of the team in the Children's Services Ofsted Improvement Plan are noted and an outline is provided of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection which took place in January 2018 for Safeguarding and LAC health.

A number of priority tasks have been chosen to focus on during the forthcoming year, based on identified gaps in service, in addition to the KPI's.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

No decisions are required. The report is for information which may lead to discussion about the LAC health team and the service they provide.

3. **Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)**

There will be no impact.

3.2 **Economic Resilience (ER)**

There will be no impact

3.3 **Improving Outcomes for Children**

The service provided by the LAC health team, ensures that the Clinical Commissioning Groups are fulfilling their statutory responsibilities to the Council, in meeting the health needs of looked after children and care leavers and offering support to staff, carers and others who are involved in the care of the individual children and young people.

3.4 **Reducing demand of services**

There will be no impact

3.5 **Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

There will be no impact

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

Not applicable.

5. **Next steps**
The health team will continue to meet their obligation to provide health support to looked after children. It is anticipated that an Annual Report will be produced for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019
6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**
That the report be noted.
7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**
Not Applicable
8. **Contact officer**
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9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**
Not Applicable
10. **Service Director responsible**
Elaine McShane, Service Director (Family Support and Child Protection)