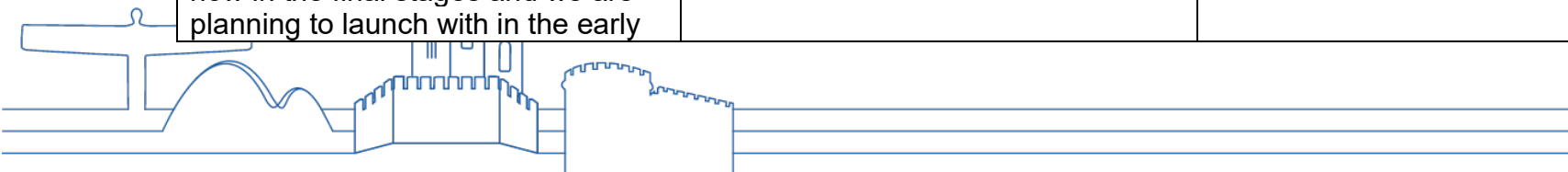


**Report to Supportive Parenting Partnership
Northeast North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
15 January 2024
Cared for Health Update**

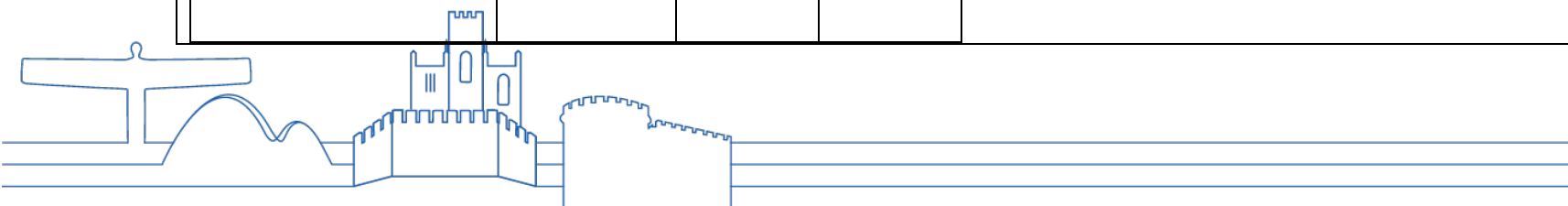
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| Health Partnership for Cared for Children. | | |
| <p>We continue to meet as a multi-agency group which is improving relationships across services working with Children in Care in Sunderland.</p> <p>We now have representation from YDAP.</p> | <p>The ICB is going through a major restructure.</p> <p>Having continued multiagency attendance due to other commitments.</p> <p>Having a clear strategic plan.</p> | <p>To ensure the voice of the young person from the Supportive Parenting Partnership is in all that we do.</p> <p>We are planning a 'Practitioner Forum' focussing on cared for and care experienced – this will be supported jointly through the Safeguarding Childrens Partnership and Supportive Parenting Partnership.</p> |
| Improving the mental and physical health of care leavers and care experienced. | | |
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| <p>We have had a mentoring and social prescribing service agreed within Sunderland. This is having a soft launch and there are continued meetings on how this is being received.</p> <p>We are developing a health passport app for cared for and care experienced young people. This is now in the final stages and we are planning to launch with in the early</p> | <p>The Young People have asked for emotional wellbeing support with life story work. I am concerned that we have been unable to move this forward.</p> | <p>Continue to attend meeting regarding the role out of the mentoring and social prescribing service.</p> <p>Role out the health app across Sunderland.</p> <p>Meet with The Change Council to gain greater understanding of their asl for support with life story work.</p> |



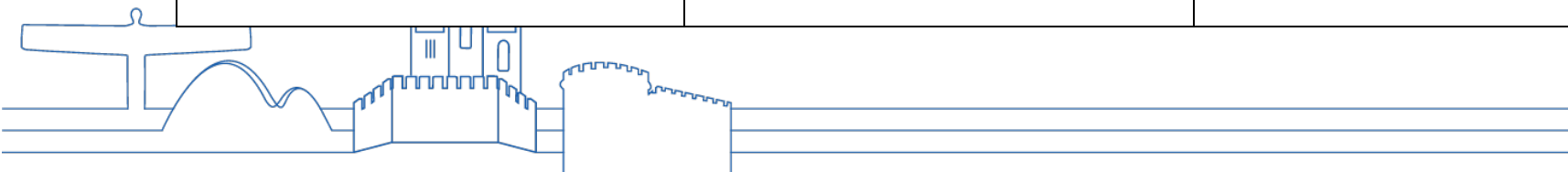
part of this year – dependent on the APP Developer.

The Looked After Health Team

| CARED FOR CHILDREN HEALTH ASSESSMENTS | TARGET | Q1 | Q2 |
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| CCG AREA | | | |
| NUMBER OF INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS | NA | 46 | 78 |
| % IN TIMESCALE (within 20 working days of coming into care) | 100%(95%) | 17% | 42% |
| NUMBER OF REVIEW HEALTH ASSESSMENTS | NA | 112 | 103 |
| % IN TIMESCALE | 100% | 93% | 95% |
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| <p>Initial Health Assessment timescales have improved in Q2 – although still low. The trust has implemented locum cover to help with IHA.</p> <p>There are no outstanding Initial Health Assessments – so although compliance is low, all of our children in care are seen within a reasonable timescale when entering the care system.</p> <p>The Trust are also using an Advanced Nurse Practitioner alongside the Medical Practitioner at the IHA – this is increasing Medic capacity and also providing a more holistic approach to the health assessment.</p> <p>The Advanced Nurse Practitioner is now holding a small case load of the most vulnerable of our young people to help ensure health needs are followed up.</p> | <p>Sunderland has vacancies in both their Designated Doctor and Named Doctor posts for Cared for Children. The Designated Doctor for Children's Safeguarding continues to support Cared for Children.</p> <p>There continues to be limited capacity within the Community Paediatric team with regards to Initial Health Assessment capacity although the Trust has implemented a plan using the Advanced Nurse Practitioner.</p> <p>The current Service Leave Agreement (SLA) is out of date and needs to be reconsidered. We have met with Commissioners and Contracting on how this can be taken forward. Progress has been slow due to a mix of key staff sickness and the ICB restructure.</p> <p>Nursing capacity remains below Intercollegiate recommendations.</p> | <p>The Designated Nurse continues to work with Commissioners and Contractors to update the current Service Level Agreement.</p> <p>To meet with Together for Children and the Independent Reviewing Team to progress actions from the health impact audit.</p> |



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| <p>Review health assessment compliance is good.</p> <p>The team are delivering a more blended model of clinic and community visits which meet the needs of individual children and young people – this is improving engagement and attendance for health assessments.</p> | <p>This impacts on the team's ability to follow up on health needs.</p> <p>A joint Audit to consider our young people's health needs and has been completed with the Independent Reviewing Team. We are planning some further work with Together for Children on how we can work together to ensure health is embedded in the cared for process outside of the statutory health assessments.</p> | |
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