

CCG Sunderland Update
Report to Corporate Parenting Board
27 September 2021

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Demonstrate our duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in care
- To assure the corporate parenting board that health services to children in care are provided without undue delay or geographical prejudice
- To demonstrate the aim of the Looked After Health team is for sustained improvement in the health and wellbeing of children in care and those leaving care
- To assure the child's voice around health issues are included wherever possible
- Report on compliance to statutory targets from the Looked After Health Team for South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Please note that data reported within this report is Q1 data (April, May and June). This is due to the time of this meeting.

1.2 COVID-19

- 1.2.1 The health team continue to offer face to face health assessment appointments.
- 1.2.2 The health team have not had any staff absences due to covid 19.
- 1.2.3 The team continue to be challenged due to isolating Carers and Young People, this has caused numerous cancelled appointments and re-booking of appointments.

2.0 Compliance data for health assessments - Quarter 4

In Quarter 1 there were, on average, 591 cared for children, this is a slight decrease from the previous quarter.

2.1 Initial Health Assessments (IHA)

- 2.1.1 Local Authorities are responsible for ensuring a health assessment of physical, emotional and mental health needs is completed for every child within 20 working days of becoming looked after.

Table 1 - Initial Health Assessments

Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Number	41				
Compliance	93%				

*Compliance not related to appointment availability but to Covid self isolation, delay in consent and 5 YP not being brought/ refusing to attend (2 refusal pathway followed). YP x 3 offered further appts OOT. 1x recently seen and summary completed.

- The Health Team have been able to demonstrate that they continue to offer appointments within timescales and external factors have impacted on the compliance towards the end of this financial year.
- Number of IHAs remain at 13-14 per month

2.2 Review Health Assessments (RHA)

- 2.2.1 The RHA must happen at least every six months before a child's 5th birthday and at least once every 12 months after the child's 5th birthday within the month they became looked after.

Table 2 - Review Health Assessments

Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Number	144				
Compliance	98%				

* 3 appointments out of timescale

- 18 children were not brought (12.5%), and appointments rearranged.
- 3 young people refused to attend and refusal pathway was followed.

2.3 Out of Area Health Assessments

Table 3 – Health assessments performed on behalf of Sunderland for children and young people placed outside of area

Assessment	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
IHA	0				
RHA	14 (93%)				

*1 health assessment completed out of time scale.

3.0 Health Passports

Table 4 - Health Passports Issued

Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Number	16				
Compliance	71%				

- 3.1 4 passports were not completed at the point of the Young Persons 18th birthday but will be completed and shared.

4.0 Looked After Health Team

- 4.1 The Looked After Health team continue to be able to meet compliance timeframes with appointment slots.

5.0 Service improvements

- 5.1 The medical team are completing an in-house audit of health assessments, to identify areas of good practice and improvement. this is going through internal governance –(the summary maybe available for CPB meeting).
- 5.2 Obesity project completed by registrar and healthy eating advice leaflet for co-produced with carers for carers. Leaflet to proceed through Trust Governance before use.
- 5.3 The funding application was successful with NHS England, this was for the development of a Health Passport App for cared for and cared experienced young people. It will be a regional project across the ICS footprint.
- 5.4 [Health Passport North East and North Cumbria ICS - YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ZZTBEYSsHfY)
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6.0 Recommendations and Actions

The Corporate Parenting Board is asked to note the content of the report.

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