

Terms of Reference

Cared for and care experienced health subgroup

Date of TOR August 2022

Name of committee:	Sunderland Cared for Children /Care Experienced Health Sub-Group	
Reports to:	Supportive Parenting Partnership Board (Previously known as Corporate Parenting Board)	
Chair	Designated Nurse for Cared for Children Jo Morgan	NENC ICB (Sunderland)
Vice Chair	Named Nurse for Children Looked After Vicky Smith	South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust
Admin Support		
Membership	Designated Dr for Cared for Children Dr Sarah Mills	South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust/NENC/ICB
	Kathryn McCabe Strategic Service Manager Sharon Willis Strategic Service Manager	Together for Children
	CAMHS Service Manager Louise Bell	CNTW

	CYPS Service Manager/Rep	South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust
	Public Health Rep Karen Lightfoot-Gencli	Sunderland Council
	0-19 service Rep	HDFT
	Virtual School Rep Virtual Headteacher Anita Swales	TfC
	Senior Federated Services Manager & ATB Programme One Support Lead Bev Dixon	Primary Care Rep/Social Prescribers
Purpose of Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To listen to our young people and ensure their voice is heard to inform service development of health services. • To promote and seek assurance that there are effective arrangements for the health and care of cared for children in an integrated system. • To monitor and enable access to a range of health services that promote and support emotional, physical, and mental health. • Ensure that systems are in place to enable cared for and cared experienced young people access to information about health and wellbeing. • To seek assurance on the delivery of the health outcomes identified within the Corporate Parenting Board. • To provide assurance that legal requirements and national guidance are incorporated into systems and processes. • Develop an understanding of the health needs of our cared for and care experienced young people to help inform the commissioning of services • To work together to improve the health and wellbeing of our young people. 	

Functions of the group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify key health priorities in line with statutory requirements and agree actions to meet these priorities. • To seek assurance that parents or carers have access to health and wellbeing information, services and support in caring for children. • To make recommendations and escalate risks to the Corporate Parenting Board, outlining risk mitigation plans.
Indicators of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health needs analysis in place and reviewed annually to inform commissioning of services and identify areas of priority. • Improved joint working which results in sharing of learning and joined up cared for children systems, policies and procedures. • Evidence of improved health outcomes for cared for children. • Evidence of timely access and interventions to meet the individual health needs of cared for children from all health professionals who work with them • Timely high quality initial and review health assessments • All practitioners working with cared for children have the appropriate levels of skills and training work and support these vulnerable children and young people • Improving satisfaction levels reported by cared for children, parents and carers.
Reporting mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group will be chaired by the Designated Nurse for Cared for Children or Named Nurse Cared for Children. • It will meet at on a bi-monthly basis • Reports to the Supportive Parenting Partnership through the existing health governance processes.
Frequency of meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bimonthly
Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 organisations should be in attendance at the meeting for it to be quorate
Review of Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference will be reviewed annually

