

Corporate Parenting Board

13 February 2017

Report of the Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services

Meeting the Health Needs of Looked after Children

Summary

1. This item will present the most recent analysis of local arrangements for ensuring that the health needs of looked after children are met. This analysis is presented using a benchmarking tool developed from the most recent (2015) Statutory Guidance, set out in Promoting the Health and well-being of looked-after children (DH). The updated benchmarking progress report will not be available until this item has been discussed and reviewed by the Strategic Partnership for Children in Care on 7 February 2017 and will be presented to the Corporate Parenting Board at their meeting on 13 February.

Background

2. Safeguarding and promoting the health of Looked After Children is a key priority in the Children and Young People in Care – York's Strategy 2016 – 2020. Specifically the strategy states:

Introduce a Health Passport for all children and young people in care which supports their, and their carers', understanding of their health needs. (pg. 6)

Implement the recommendations arising from the 2015 local review of compliance with statutory guidance for the 'Health of Looked after Children'. (pg.6)

3. **Consultation**

This item will provide the Board with an update on progress against full local compliance with the arrangements set out in the statutory guidance. This item is due for consideration at the Strategic Partnership for Children in Care on 7th February and the updated benchmarking tool will be presented to the Board on 13th February.

This item will include an update to the Board on the full implementation of the Health Passports for Looked After Children.

Options

4. This agenda item will provide the Board with the opportunity to evaluate and comment on current progress.

Analysis

5. As the latest update on progress against the benchmarking tool will not be available until after the strategic partnership on 7th February, it is not possible at this stage to comment in detail on current progress.

The progress and areas for further development identified through the benchmarking tool will be further informed by the recent external scrutiny of these arrangements at the end of 2016. Specifically local arrangements to support and promote the health of looked after children were scrutinised through the Ofsted inspection and a subsequent Care Quality Commission inspection of these services and arrangements conducted in December 2016. The findings from all of this external scrutiny will be available for the next Board meeting.

Council Plan

6. This work contributes to the Council Plan priority:
 - a focus on frontline services

7. Implications

- **Financial**

No financial implications have been identified at this stage.

- **Human Resources (HR)**

There are no HR implications to consider at this stage

- **Equalities**

There are no equalities implications to consider at this stage

- **Legal**

There are no equalities implications to consider at this stage

- **Crime and Disorder**

There are no crime and disorder implications to consider at this stage

- **Information Technology (IT)**

There are no IT implications to consider at this stage

- **Property**

There are no property implications to consider at this stage

Risk Management

8. There are no risks to consider at this stage.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to consider the presentation of progress towards the full compliance with the guidance set out above.

Reason: To clarify any issues arising, to comment on progress and in preparation for receiving an updated health action plan (informed by the findings of the Ofsted and CQC inspections undertaken in November and December 2016 and whose combined findings will be available for the April Board meeting)

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All

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Background Papers:

None

Annexes

None