

Report of the Assistant Director of Adults Children and Education

Looked After Children's Strategy

The Health of Looked After Children

Summary

1. A crucial aspect of caring for looked after children and young people is to ensure that they have good, prompt and effective attention to their general health. The Strategy committed to achieving the following outcome:

“The health needs of children and young people are assessed and planned for, and they have appropriate access to all the health services they require. They are well and happy, and choosing healthy and active lifestyles”

Background

2. To underpin this commitment the Council and its partners have pledged:
 - We will support you to lead a healthy and happy life.

Consultation

3. Dr Barbara Stewart, designated doctor and Sue Roughton, designated nurse are attending the Board today to describe the work underway to deliver the changes described above and to report on progress.

Council Plan

4. The Corporate Parenting Board will be ensuring that the work of partners for looked after children contributes to the aims of
 - The Children and Young People's Plan
 - Building strong communities
 - Protecting vulnerable people

Through the positive outcomes for looked after children, the aim is for them to be able to benefit from and contribute to

- Get York moving
- Create jobs and grow the economy
- Protect the environment

5. Implications

- **Financial** Not applicable
- **Human Resources (HR)** Not applicable
- **Equalities** Not applicable
- **Legal** Not applicable
- **Crime and Disorder** Not applicable
- **Information Technology (IT)** Not applicable
- **Property** Not applicable
- **Other** None

Recommendations

6. Members are asked to consider the progress that has being made in relation to plans to meet the health needs of looked after children and young people

Reason: To ensure that all those involved with children and young are collaborating to consolidate the arrangements for children's health provision and to improve in accordance with the strategy.

Contact Details

Author: Howard Lovelady
Title: Head of Service
Children's Social Care
Telephone number: Ext 5357

Co-Author's Name Eoin Rush
Title Assistant Director
Dept Name Adult Children and Education
Tel No. Ext 4212
Report Date 23
Approved September
2013

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Additional reports

Appendix A

Progress report from Dr Barbara Stewart, Designated Doctor for Looked After Children and Sue Roughton, Designated Nurse for Looked After Children