

4 January 2023		ITEM: 9
Corporate Parenting Committee		
Children Looked After Health Report		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: None	
Report of: Nickola Rickard, Designated Nurse for Looked After Children Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board		
Accountable Assistant Director: Yvonne Anarfi, Assistant Director of safeguarding MSE ICB		
Accountable Director: Linda Moncur, Director of Safeguarding MSE ICB		
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Executive Summary

The attached report describes and analyses the outcomes, achievements and challenges regarding the health outcomes for looked after children for 2022/23. The report provides a local and national overview for comparison

- 1. Recommendation(s)**
 - 1.1 That the Children Looked After Health Report be noted**
 - 1.2 That members are aware of the key areas for improvements.**
- 2. Introduction and Background**
 - 2.1 Within Appendix 1
- 3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options**
 - 3.1 Within Appendix 1
- 4. Reasons for Recommendation**
 - 4.1 Within Appendix 1
- 5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**
 - 5.1 None

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 None

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **David May**
Strategic Lead Corporate Finance Resources and Place delivery.

There are no financial implications, however any costs associated with this report need to be met from existing resources.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Petrena Sharpe**
Safeguarding Lawyer

The Local Authority, has a duty under section 22(3) (a) of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of Looked After Children, including eligible children and those placed for adoption, regardless of whether they are placed in or out of the authority or the type of placement. This includes promoting the child's physical, emotional and mental health and acting on any early signs of health issues. In accordance with the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010 every Looked After Child should have a health assessment so that a health plan can be developed to reflect the child's health needs and be included as part of the child's overall care plan. As corporate parent, the local authority must ensure that children and young people receive the health care services they require as set out in their health plan. This includes medical and dental care treatment as well as advice and guidance on personal health care and health promotion issues. The Local Authority should advise the provider health team (NELFT) when a child is initially accommodated.

The relevant Integrated Care Board and NHS England have a duty to cooperate with requests from the Local Authority to undertake health assessments and provide any necessary support services to Looked After Children. This should be done without any undue delay and irrespective of whether the placement of the child is an emergency, short term or in another Integrated Care Board. This also includes services to a child or young person experiencing mental illness. Both the Local Authority and relevant Integrated Care Board should develop effective communications and understandings between each other as part of being able to promote children's wellbeing.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Lee**

Team Manager- Community Development and Equalities Adults, Housing and Health Directorate

The Service is committed to practice, which promotes inclusion and diversity, and will carry out its duties in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and related Codes of Practice and Anti-discriminatory policy.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, or Impact on Looked After Children)

- Impact on Looked After Children

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- **None**

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1 – CLA Health Report

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