

19 March 2024		ITEM: 8
Corporate Parenting Committee		
Children Looked After Health Report		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: None	
Report of: Ines Paris – Designated Lead Safeguarding Nurse MSE Integrated Care Board (ICB)		
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Executive Summary

This report has been written by the Designated Lead Safeguarding Nurse for Mid and South Essex (MSE) Integrated Care Board (ICB) to Thurrock Corporate Parenting Committee.

The report maps the landscape of the health services in Thurrock, focusing specifically on those aimed at supporting the needs of Children in Care. It also summarises the collaborative work of Designated Nurses across Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) through the delivery of the SET Looked After Children Health strategy (2022-24).

The report provides an update on the Task and Finish Group led by MSE ICB's Interim Director for Children, Mental Health & Neurodiversity, looking at the provision of Initial Health Assessments, especially focusing on the improvement of its completion within statutory timescales, which has remained a challenge, both locally and nationally.

Finally, the report focuses on North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT), as the Thurrock Health Provider of 0-19 services and Children Community Paediatric services, including the work being completed to promote the health and wellbeing of looked after children and service provision. The report finalises with recommendations.

The author chose to present this report in Power Point, as a response to feedback from Children in Care, on the need to simplify reports as often they feel these are not accessible to them.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 The information contained within this report to be noted by Corporate Parenting Committee members.

- 1.2 **Corporate Parenting Committee will be provided assurance and updates on the work from the IHA Task and Finish group.**
- 1.3 **Corporate Parenting Committee will be provided information on the updated SET Health Looked after Children strategy & MSE ICB looked after children strategic portfolio.**
- 1.4 **Corporate Parenting Committee to request regular updates on the health to Thurrock Children in Care.**
- 1.5 **Health to continue implementing strategies to listen, respond to and capture the voice of children and young people and involving them wherever possible in shaping and influencing their health offer.**
- 1.6 **Further work to take place to understand the health needs of Separated Migrant Children, to ensure that services are in place to respond appropriately to their needs.**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Within presentation

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 Within presentation

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 Within presentation

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 This report was completed with the support of NELFT: Sharon Hall - Assistant Director, SET CAMHS and Children's Services for South Essex & Thurrock; Michael Smith – Head of Children's Services Essex & Thurrock; Amanda Burgess – Operational Lead 0-19 Service Thurrock and Children's Community Nursing; LAC Specialist Nurse – Eugenia Luke

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

- 6.1 External report – no impact on Council's policies.

7. Implications

- 7.1 External report – no direct impact on Council

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):

- N/A

9. Appendices to the report

- Appendix 1 – Thurrock Corporate Parenting Committee Health Report

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