



APPENDIX D

  
Bedfordshire  
Clinical Commissioning Group

# Looked After Children Health Update

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# Numbers of LAC

- March 2012 = 208
- March 2013 = 246
- January 2014 = 279

# Performance Data

	April – September 2013	April – December 2013
<b>Review Health Assessments</b>	89.9%	94.1 %
<b>Dental Checks</b>	92.9 %	94.1 %
<b>SDQ</b>	46.3 % of total cohort Average score = 14.7	74.2 % of total cohort Average score = 14.4
<b>Immunisations</b>	Now being recorded on CBC's IT system from the individual reports provided by SEPT, but not reported on the monthly performance report.	

# Achievements

- SDQ Pathway developed and agreed
- External Review Action Plan developed and progressing
- LAC Health Strategy developed
- Audit of Health Assessment and pathway through to the subsequent Statutory Review
- Feedback from LAC and Foster Carers about their experience of their Health Assessments
- Briefing paper regarding LAC to all dentists and pharmacists in the BCCG area via Area Team
- Collection of LAC Health Data to be commenced – this will provide clear data of the identified health needs of CBC's LAC

# Leaving Care Health Service

- Looked After Young People's Nurse Referral Pathways (16 year+) developed and agreed
- Leaving Care update provided to the LAC Health Group in November 2013
- Health Passport to in area LAC only
- Letter including contact and drop-in clinic details to all Out of Area Care Leavers
- Weekly drop-in clinics which can also be accessed by Out of Area Care Leavers
- RHAs for identified young people
- Specific, time limited work with individual young people as per the pathway

# Out of Area LAC and Young People

Key Deliverable in the Practice Development Board LAC Health Work stream:

“All LAC placed out of area will experience the same level of service for their Health Assessments as those LAC placed in area”

Challenges increased due to change of the service commissioned in line with Ofsted/CQC recommendations and Statutory Guidance

# Out of Area LAC and Young People

## **Difficulties experienced:**

- Issues of Quality and time delays
- External health providers prioritise their own LAC
- Several Local Health Providers no longer taking referrals for RHAs so these are now being referred to the child/young person's registered GP (Hertfordshire, Luton, Cambridgeshire and Milton Keynes)

# Out of Area LAC and Young People

## **Actions taken to mitigate risks:**

- SEPT to BCCG Escalation procedure which includes raising concerns/issues with local Designated Professionals. Enables collation of the data to provide an overview and identification of problem areas. Does not result in immediate resolution.
- BCCG's Director of Quality and Nursing wrote to her counterpart in Northampton re issues of quality for 11 RHAs, which resulted in immediate action and resolution
- Identified on LAC Health Group and BCCG Risk Registers
- BCCG raised issues with Area Team
- BCCG have established funding for a 1 year fixed term nursing post to undertake these RHAs; SEPT need to recruit to this post