

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 5 November 2018	Meeting: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Annual Report Health of Looked After Children 2017-2018	
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The committee note the report attached as Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND

2. This report outlines the achievement by Southwark Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and local partners in understanding and improving the health of Southwark's looked after children. It provides an overview of multiple areas of significance, continuing the theme of partnership working across the sectors and expanding on the client experience.
3. The report presents updates regarding the physical health; emotional health and wellbeing of looked after children, their access to local services and indicators of need.
4. Content contributions from:
 - Strategic Intelligence, Quality and Performance, LB Southwark
 - Guy's and St. Thomas' Trust (GSTT) LAC Health provider service – Appendix 1
 - Carelink Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) service – Elizabeth Murphy, Consultant Psychotherapist Appendix 2.
5. The action plan will be updated following any recommendations arising out of the recent 2018 joint OFSTED/Care Quality Commission (CQC) SEND inspection.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The committee are required to note:
 - Positive introduction of health services for LAC and Careleavers:
 - Commissioning of HYP (Healthy young people – a partnership arrangement with Brook and CGL)
 - Extension of Free Swim and Gym offer to every day of the week for Southwark LAC and careleavers.
 - Likely future impact of change to the commissioning framework for CAMHS services via South London and Maudsley NHS Trust. There is likely to be significant change to the mental health support available for Southwark looked after children (LAC). Outcome of CAMHS review is awaited.

- Progress in strategic inter-agency work related to health and wellbeing of looked after children:
 - Contribution to the refreshed sufficiency strategy
 - Embedded in findings of 2018 JSNA on children with special educational needs and disability
 - Embedded in findings of 2018 JSNA on child dental health
 - Improving the timeliness of Initial health assessments.
- The relative position of Southwark in relation to the South East London alliance with regard to looked after children and potential areas for joint learning.

Input received from Southwark Children’s Services, and specifically commissioned LAC health services

7. Looked after children and young people gain greater benefit from a holistic and multi-agency approach to their health and wellbeing.

“I feel the care provided to Z has been excellent in that he has had the assessments/medicals to ensure he has the best chance to meet his full potential”

- ***Long term Foster carer***

“I feel the exact thing as above”

- ***Z : 12 years old***

Community impact statement

7. The health of looked after children is an important aspect of their care. It is hoped that the attention we give to the health and well-being of children in care makes an important impact on the community both now and in the future in relation to their health and wellbeing.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Annual Report Health of Looked After Children 2017-2018

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Dr. Stacy John-Legere Designated Doctor for Children in Care	
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