

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 22 September 2010	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Designated Doctor for Children Looked After- Annual Report 2009/10	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards	
From:		Strategic Director of Children's Services	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the committee receives the Annual Report from the Designated Doctor for Children Looked After and raises any comments at the meeting.
2. That the committee makes formal representations to the health commissioners to ensure that the needs of children looked after continue to be met in the newly commissioned provider arm.
3. That work is undertaken by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the local authority to ensure that adequate procedures are in place to provide timely health assessments for looked after children.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. For the last five years Southwark has had a children looked after steering group responsible for overseeing coordinated activities to promote healthy outcomes for children in care and care leavers (also known as Health Management Group – HMG).
5. The Corporate Parenting Committee received periodic reports relating to various components of the overall health strategy. This is an updated report based on the previous 'Health of Children in Care' report which was presented to the CPC on 25 March 2010.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The annual report (Appendix 1) provides an updated headline summary of the key activity areas being managed in partnership between Southwark Children's Services and Southwark PCT and SLAM.

Policy Implications

7. There are no new policy implications relating to this report.

Community Impact Statement

8. It is recognised that young people leaving care at 18 will have far better life chances if they have experienced a degree of emotional stability and have remained free from substance misuse, are physically active and have not already become a parent. The "Being Healthy" agenda has an impact upon care leavers' capacity in being able to successfully engage in education, employment and training whilst making a positive contribution to society.

Resource Implications

9. There are no immediate resource implications relating to this report. It is important to note that all services may be subject to review following the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October 2010.

Legal/Financial Implications

10. There are no Legal/Financial implications relating to this report.

Consultation

11. There is no consultation relating to this report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Health of Children in Care	Looked After Children Services Southwark Council 1 Bradenham Place London	Chris Saunders 020 7525 1039
Summary of DOH Statutory Guidance "Promoting the health and well being of looked after children 2009	Looked After Children Services Southwark Council 1 Bradenham Place London	Chris Saunders 020 7525 1039
PCT Report: Update on the Health of Children looked After in Southwark 2008/2009	Southwark Children & Young Peoples Development Centre Sunshine House 27 Peckham Road London SE5 8UH	Beatrice Cooper 020 3049 8006
2009/2010 CLA Health Steering Group	Looked After Children Services Southwark Council 1 Bradenham Place London	Chris Saunders 020 7525 1039

APPENDICES

No.	Title
1	The Health of Children looked After in Southwark 2008/2009 Updated for Corporate Parenting Panel August 2010

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Rory Patterson, Assistant Director of Children's Services	
Report Author	Shola Yemi and Beatrice Cooper	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Cabinet Member	Yes	No
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