

Item No. 10.	Classification: Open	Date: 18 July 2023	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Annual Health report for Looked After Children and Care Leavers	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Children in Care and Care Leavers, London Borough of Southwark	
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Corporate Parenting Committee note the report contents in relation to the delivery of health services for Children Looked After and Care Leavers who are in the care of London Borough of Southwark.
2. That the Corporate Parenting Committee feedback any comments on the Southwark LAC Health report for consideration by the LAC Health leads across the health economy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The following report is an annual overview of the provision of health services across the health economy for Looked After Children and Care Leavers and includes Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC).
4. The purpose of the report is to inform and to advise the Corporate Parenting Committee of the annual evaluation of health services by the Senior Health Leads for LAC/Young People. The report outlines the effectiveness of health care planning and describes the progression of services to fulfill relevant performance indicators including statutory timescales within the current commissioned services.
5. The report aims to advise the Corporate Parenting Committee of initiatives and considerations within health with the aim of improving and developing current and future service delivery.
6. This report has been collated with the Virtual Mental Health Lead for CLA in Southwark and contributions from provider health services.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. Whilst in recovery from the impact of the pandemic, the known and unknown health and economic effects both short and long term remain. In addition to this, the current economic crisis within the United Kingdom is likely to add further pressure both for Children and their families and for public services that serve them.
8. Health services for Looked After Children continue to provide services in line with current commissioning arrangements and have returned to normal operating procedures in place prior to the pandemic.
9. This report highlights the Looked After Health service delivery to children and young people in care to London Borough of Southwark during the reporting period of April 2022-March 2023.

Policy framework implications

10. The LAC Health report reflects both national and local policies that aim to improve the health and well-being of Southwark Looked After Children and to support those that care for them.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community Impact Statement

11. Improving health outcomes for LAC and Young People remains a priority. The report aims to reflect the progression of work, key achievements and future plans to continue to highlight and improve the health needs and outcomes of the LAC population across the health economy.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

12. The report outlines the delivery of health services to all Children and young people in care to Southwark Local Authority and includes statistical evidence of ethnicity, special educational needs and disabilities.
13. Health services are committed to delivering health services to everyone and consider individual need and accessibility with all areas of health service provision.

Health impact statement

14. Promoting the health needs of Looked After Children and Young People continues to be highlighted across the health economy.

Climate change implications

15. There are no overt implications to climate change.

Resource implications

16. At the time of reporting there are no resource implications.

Other officers

17. The report has been shared with the Chief Operating Officer (Southwark ICB) and the Associate Borough Director.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Safeguarding Children's Annual Report	Southwark ICB	katarzyna.zawadowska@selondonics.nhs.uk
Safeguarding Adult's Annual Report		
Southwark Annual Looked After Children and Care Leavers Health report 2021/2022		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Southwark ICB/ICS Annual Looked After Children and Care Leavers Health Report 2022/2023

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Alasdair Smith, Director – Children and Families	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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