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Summary

- This is a summary of the findings of the the Looked After Children (LAC) Annual Report relating to health provided to NHS City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) written in response to the statutory guidance, 'Promoting the health and well-being of looked-after children' (2015). The main report is appended as a Non Public report due to level of personal information included in the report and small size of the cohort.
- It covers the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 and provides assurance of the Looked after Children Health Team's (LACHT) compliance with their LAC statutory duties and those responsibilities specified under section 10 (co-operation to improve wellbeing) and section 11 (arrangements to safeguard and promote welfare), of the Children Act 2004, with regard to improving the health and wellbeing of Looked after Children.
- The summary outlines the delivery of health services to children looked after by the City of London, in line with National Statutory Guidance. The full report reviews performance indicators, detailed clinical work undertaken by the LAC health team, service improvements and plans for further development and provides some comparison with national indicators.
- All 16 young people who entered into care in the year had an initial health assessment and a subsequent health plan was drawn up. 69% of new entrants into care had their Initial Health Assessment booked within 28 days (20 working days).
- Areas of identified need included issues regarding;
 - incomplete immunisations and dental checks
 - mental health concerns, for example symptoms of PTSD
 - musculoskeletal symptoms – back, chest and leg pain
 - skin complaints
- All review health assessments were completed. All young people in care for longer than 12 months have up to date immunisations and dental checks are up to date.

- Quality assurance audits of cases and practice across Hackney and City of London identified good practice with the following emerging themes;
 - The majority of young people were seen for IHA within the 20 working day guideline
 - The majority of Review health assessments were completed within timescales
 - Completion of the majority of care leavers summaries
 - Audit of care leavers summaries completed
 - Away day to encourage team cohesion
 - Joint drop-in session with CHYPS plus and Named Nurse
 - Teaching session by Designated nurse and doctor with social workers regarding the health needs of UASC
- The Workplan for 2020/21 includes the following:
 - Maintain and improve figures for IHAs completed within 20 working days of entry to care
 - Audit of referrals, timescales and monitoring attendances at infectious disease clinic
 - Further audit of care leavers' summary to ensure the management of the UASC caseload is robust.
 - Ensure a robust tracking system is in place, especially when health assessments are requested from other LAC health teams
 - Medical Advisor for Adoption to work with Coram/BAAF, and the other Medical Advisors to the Regional Adoption Agency, to embed robust, and child-focused, medical advice within the new adoption panel arrangements.
 - Embedding new working arrangements and minimising risk of those arrangements following the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Mosaic access to be agreed for the Nursing Team
 - Named Nurse to hold caseload for all City of London children and young people

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note this summary report and the detailed full report in the Non-Public section.