



**North East and
North Cumbria**

Health Update for Durham Corporate Parenting Panel

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Commissioning arrangements of NHS health provision for Children in Care in Durham

NENC ICB is the main commissioner of health services in Durham.

County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust (CDDFT)

- Initial Health Assessment provision
- Medical Advisers for adoption
- Coordination of all IHAs and RHAs for all Durham Children in Care (living in and out of area) + children living in Durham from other local authorities
- RHAs for Durham children placed out of LA boundary up to 20 miles
- RHAs for UASC living in Durham
- Health passports for care experienced young people / care leavers

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Harrogate and District Foundation Trust (HDFT)

- RHAs for Durham children living in Durham
- Support to local authority residential children's homes in Durham
- Support to the Care Leavers Hub

Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust

- Mental health services for children and young people provided by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Additional NHS services are provided by

- Primary Care / GP practices
- Dental Services

Initial Health Assessments (IHAs)

Table 1: Initial Health Assessments (IHAs) 2022-2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Statutory Indicator: Of the number of children coming into care, those seen by a Paediatrician within 20 working days of coming into care	72%	64%	67%	58%
LA Indicator: Coram BAAF paperwork and consent received from LA within 5 working days	50%	57%	44%	59%
CDDFT Indicator: % of children offered an IHA appointment within 15 days of receiving correct paperwork and consent from LA	93%	80%	91%	78%
No of appointments cancelled / rearranged or child not brought	6	14	12	12

Review Health Assessments (RHAs)

<u>Table 2: Review Health Assessments (RHAs) 2022-2023</u>	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of RHAs due	272	210	236	278
Number of RHAs returned within timescales	238	187	221	241
Number of RHAs not returned within timescales	34	23	15	37
% RHAs returned within timescales	88%	89%	94%	87%

Priorities for 2023 – 2024

Priority 1: Improving access to a local dentist to increase compliance for dental health assessments for Children in Care in Durham

Priority 2: Ensuring the needs of children from County Durham who are placed out of area and improving compliance of Out of Area (OOA) health assessments within statutory timeframes.

Priority 3: To understand the number of Children in Care accessing CAMHS services and to have assurance that their needs are fully met.

Priority 4: To increase the compliance of primary care GP information to inform IHAs and RHAs a digital solution to improve the quality of GP information is being developed.

Priority 5: Every care experienced young person should be offered a health passport to understand their health history.

Priority 6: To ensure that unaccompanied asylum-seeking children have access to services and support to meet their needs.

Priority 7: To understand the needs of children who are compulsorily accommodated the Designated Professionals will work with the LA and NHSE responsible for Health Justice to ensure the needs of Children in Care who are accommodated are being met.