

Use of language for Children in Care

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A selection of
10 CiC health
assessments
were chosen at
random.

- 2 Initial Health Assessments (IHA)
- 2 County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT)
- 2 Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT)
- 2 Out of area
- 2 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)

Improvement Findings:

- There was use of abbreviations in some assessments. If we use abbreviations then the complete description should be detailed initially.
- There was evidence in one of the IHA's that there had been a 'cut and paste' from another assessment as the wrong name and sex was referenced in the family history section.
- There is use of the word 'declined' in one assessment when describing the young person choosing not to accept a referral.
- There is reference to 'contact' in one Review Health Assessment (RHA) as opposed to 'family time', however this was when discussing indirect contact (for an adoption placement).

Positive Findings:

- Overall the language used was found to be positive.
- The voice and lived experience of the child was clear throughout the assessment.
- The assessments contained lots of description and detail.
- The assessments acknowledged the young person's identity and dignity.
- The care plan was individualised for each child depending on need.