

# NENC ICB Health Update for Durham

## Corporate Parenting Board

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# NENC ICB Wide Update



North East and  
North Cumbria

## Priorities and Ways of Working 2024/2025

- Provide strategic leadership, influence and support for our ICB safeguarding arrangements and strengthen and improve the quality of safeguarding across the ICS system within partnerships and local delivery teams
- Continue to deliver our statutory responsibilities and those outlined within the SAAF (2022) for Safeguarding (Children, Cared for Children and Adults) on behalf of the ICB. (New SAAF expected)
- Ensure the voices of people remain central to safeguarding across the ICB and the wider safeguarding system
- Continue to progress improvements in the four workstreams focussing on our Joint Forward Plan priorities
- Strengthen governance and reporting mechanisms to our Boards and partners with underpinning dashboard
- Develop and embed a model of restorative supervision for ICB safeguarding practitioners
- Create a more interactive space on the ICB website to publicise our training and supervision offer, best practice and engagement opportunities
- Develop systems to embed learning from statutory reviews particularly where ICB wide themes have been identified
- Develop an ICB wide assurance and audit plan to support the NHSE Safeguarding Commissioning Toolkit (S-CAT) and Looked After Children data set returns
- Continue to review workforce skills and capacity in line with the Intercollegiate Guidance and undertake a detailed workforce survey to inform our workforce plans
- Continue to review all our safeguarding and cared for commissioned services and arrangements to maximise the more strategic opportunities afforded by the ICB ways of working

# Joint Forward Plan Priority

## Care Experienced and Care Leavers

NENC ICB responsibilities for Cared for Children are set out in Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children (DfE, 2015) and Working Together To Safeguard Children (2023). ICBs in collaboration with other NHS commissioners and local authority partners have a responsibility to ensure the timely and effective delivery of health services to Looked After Children and Care Leavers. ICB is the responsible commissioner for health services to NENC cared for children whether they are resident within or outside the ICB

Care Experienced and Care Leavers	Assurance and Key Areas of Development
ICB Statutory Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Chief Nurse is the organisational lead with responsibility for cared for children and young people and care leavers to ensure the organisational statutory responsibilities are fulfilled.</li> </ul>
Policy, procedures and systems to monitor the Cared for and Care leaver agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cared for and Care Experienced Children is a key workstream in the Safeguarding Framework and one of the Joint Forward Plan priorities</li> <li>Designated professionals have maintained oversight of the commissioned services compliance with Looked after Children requirements via the NENC ICB provider safeguarding contractual standards to ensure system oversight and assurance</li> <li>Designated Nurses represent and contribute to place Corporate Parent Boards to ensure statutory requirements are fulfilled</li> <li>Support for the delivery of the NHS Universal Family Programme for Care Leavers</li> </ul>
System developments for 2024-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce unwarranted variation in commissioning arrangements for Cared for Children across the ICB</li> <li>Share and embed ICB wide learning from safeguarding reviews that will improve outcomes for looked after children and care leavers</li> <li>Strengthen governance and reporting mechanisms to the 14 Corporate Parenting Boards</li> <li>Develop a consistent and standardised data and performance dashboard for NENC ICB</li> <li>Support the completion of the new NHSE national data set for Assurance of Statutory Health Assessments that aims to improve the timeliness and quality of health assessments within the statutory timescales, to improve the notification of placements and to provide continuity of healthcare.</li> <li>Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) – system development to identify and meet their health needs plan</li> </ul>

# 2023-2024 Priorities



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

- Timescale compliance remains low for IHA requests for out of area.
- It is challenging to request the IHA timely when there is delay in notification and consent, ie within the 20-working day timescale.
- Some of our Young People are not ready for a medical assessment and delay in completing the IHA is in their best interest.
- Although the IHA's have breached timescales no young people are waiting for their IHA, all have been completed.

## Mental Health and emotional wellbeing

- To understand the number of Children in Care accessing CAMHS services and to have assurance that their needs are fully met.
- Physical and Emotional Health is a priority for 24-25

## Primary Care

- 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 redeveloped

## Care Leavers

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

## UASC

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

# 2024 -2025 priorities

## National perspective

- Work is being undertaken around new NHS numbers for children who are adopted.
- The national group are working with NHSE looking at NHS numbers for UASC – to help prevent duplicate NHS numbers.

## Durham priorities 2024- 2025

- CLASP development day.
- Continued 'Health Partnership' meeting.
- Focussing on our Young Peoples priority: Physical and Emotional Health – right person, right service, right time.
- First steps:
  1. To consider any mapping of emotional wellbeing services.
  2. Strengthening Notification Process to health when young people come into care.

# ICB CiC Priority Group

- Benchmarking Tool
- Dental Health - A Dental Recovery Pathway is now in place across the ICB.
- Development of a CiC Dashboard
- Care Leavers Pathway for GP's
- Digital Health Passport
- Early Deaths of Care Experienced
- CiC week