

Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (WCCG) Health Summary for Corporate Parenting Board, Jan 2019 – March 2019

CYPiC Health Team Update and Outstanding Issues – Royal Wolverhampton Hospital

- The Named Nurses travel to undertake statutory health assessments to all children placed outside of Wolverhampton, within 50 miles. 100% are quality assured by the Designated Nurse for Children and Young People in Care (DNCYPiC) before being sent back to the local authority.
- The new database continues to be run concurrently with the existing spreadsheet and data has been cross referenced monthly for assurances of accuracy. Any discrepancies in data are discussed with the local authority during the bi-monthly health steering group.
- The current non-attendance rate remains a concern for the service. It fell to 50% in March 2019, for Review Health Assessments booked in clinic.

To mitigate:

- All non-attendance is shared with allocated social worker to address with the child / carer;
 - If a 2nd appointment is not attended, the social worker is again informed. Named Nurses for CYPiC will arrange a home visit if applicable;
 - Royal Wolverhampton Trust are implementing a text message reminder service and have amended the appointment letters to ensure clarity of purpose and importance of attending;
 - Unresolved concerns are escalated to the Designated Nurse CYPiC.
- The CYPiC Named Nurses continue to attend Priory Green LA Building every Tuesday for a health drop-in which has been very positively received and accessed by social workers.
 - Issues relating to nursing capacity to be discussed at Directorate Governance meeting on 26 April 2019. Business case to be submitted for additional resource within the CYPiC team.

CCG - Priorities Moving Forward

- **Generic health consent;** The DNCYPiC continues to work with NHSE to confirm the implementation of generic consent for statutory health assessments. This will see birth parents signing one-off consent at the time children become looked-after, which will cover all health assessments throughout their time in care. This will enable a smoother and more timely service.
- **Children placed here from other areas;** work needs to be done around strengthening oversight of children placed into Wolverhampton from other areas.

- Whilst they remain the responsibility of the originating authority, it is crucial we work together to manage the health needs of these vulnerable children and young people, particularly when placed in unregulated placements. During the 3 months reporting period, concerns around 3 CYPiC were brought to the attention of the DNCYPiC.
- **Private Children's Residential Homes;** we recognise that there are number of Private Residential Homes in Wolverhampton and whilst we have assurance that all homes will be Ofsted and/or Care Quality Commission inspected and registered with the local authority, we are not always aware of details of out of area children placed there.
- The new Working Together Document outlines that care homes on our footprint form part of the City's Safeguarding arrangements. Further discussion therefore within the CCG needs to take place to strengthen risk and assurance arrangements, in particular around their links with Primary Care services.
- This has been added to the agenda for further discussion at the next regional CYPiC forum, and escalated as required within the WCCG Safeguarding Team at our Quality and Safety Committee
- **CAMHS referral when children placed out of City;** Challenges continue around smooth and timely referral/transfer when our CYPiC move.
- DNCYPiC continues to work with other Designated Professionals and Local Authorities to ensure children are receiving quality and timely therapeutic support, wherever they are placed.
- We have identified specific areas where differing commissioning arrangements and capacity issues are resulting in challenges in getting the CYP seen. WCCG are working with health counterparts in hosting area's to seek resolve.
- This has been identified as a priority for CYPiC within the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership work stream (Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley and Walsall), to strengthen regional processes and reduce variation in commissioning arrangements. It is hoped that key areas of good practice will be shared at the National forum to ensure consistency and understanding across the board. The first meeting was held at the WCCG in February 2019, with clear issues and actions identified.
- **Co-commissioning arrangements with Public Health;** to enable improved data collection around the specific health needs of CYPiC
- **Health of Care Leavers;** Suitable transition arrangements in place to ensure young people's health needs continue to be met when they are no longer in care. This will be explored within the local offer, and discussed within the multi-agency bi-monthly health steering group.