

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of
South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group
South Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	25 March 2014
Subject:	Review of Health Services for Children Looked After and Safeguarding in Lincolnshire

Summary:

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) undertook a review of the health services for looked after children and safeguarding across the health economy in November 2013.

The report of findings was published on the CQC website 24 February 2014 and is embedded / attached to this document as an appendix or may be downloaded via <http://www.cqc.org.uk/search/site/Safeguarding%20Looked%20After%20Children%20Lincolnshire>

There is a health intra-agency action plan currently being populated to address the recommendations which will be submitted to the CQC by the 24 March 2014.

The report and action plan will be presented to the next CYPSP meeting in May 2014 by Jan Gunter who is the Designated Nurse for Safeguarding and for Looked After Children.

The governance arrangements regarding the implementation of the action plan require reporting of performance to the NHS Safeguarding Steering Group and the CCG Collaborative. The LSCB will be overseeing the arrangements and will hold the CCGs, and NHS Providers to account.

Actions Required:

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to receive the report for information and acknowledge any future implications for the commissioning of children's services.

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to advise of any future reporting required associated with the CQC report.

1. Background

The CQC has developed a model of review that mirrors the OFSTED framework for children's services external to health. Accordingly the methodology explores the child's journey through services. Lincolnshire was only the third area to be reviewed under the new arrangements, and accordingly the process identified learning for Lincolnshire, and the inspectors undertaking the review. The inspectors were on site in Lincolnshire for one week.

Notification of the review identified the requirement to prepare the case files of 10 specifically profiled complex cases of CQC choice. The cases incorporated multiple vulnerabilities including mental health of parents, substance misuse, domestic abuse, child protection, sexual abuse, teenage pregnancy, CAMHS et al.

The case profiles submitted included the records / summaries of each health agency involvement with each case which were reviewed to illustrate the journey experience, timely referrals and access and outcomes.

In addition 53 case files were 'dip sampled' by the inspectors, and then tracked through each health agency involved.

25 Recommendations have been made across 9 themes.

2. Conclusion

The CQC review did not identify any areas requiring strengthening that were unknown to health.

The key issues for address are:

- Capacity of the safeguarding and looked after children's designated and named roles and functions.
- Timely access to specialist services
- Variable quality of statutory health assessments provided through the local arrangements within primary care.
- Embedding of LSCB and multi-agency protocols, e.g. pre-birth protocol
- Self-harm Pathway
- Access to perinatal mental health services
- Commissioning strategies regarding the sufficiency of CAMHS provision

3. Consultation

The report has been published on a public access site.

All health agencies and senior management from Children's services have contributed and participated in the inspection process and in preparing the action plan.

Leads for specific actions have been identified and the plan will be signed off by executive leads within each agency.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	The CQC Report: Review of health Service for Children Looked After and Safeguarding in Lincolnshire

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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