



Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children’s Services

Report to:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	18 January 2024
Subject:	Children in Care Joint Annual Health Report 2022/23

Summary:

This report covers the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Department of Health Statutory Guidance on Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked after Children (DCSF/DH. 2015) requires a report on the delivery of service and the progress achieved for the health and wellbeing of Children in Care (CIC). In addition, the Local Authority (LA) requires an annual report to provide a summary of the core activities relating to Children in Care.

Actions Required:

Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are invited to review and endorse the Children in Care Joint Annual Health Report 2022/23 attached at Appendix A.

1. Background

This annual report covers the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and contains information relevant to the delivery of service and the progress achieved for the health and wellbeing of children in care (CiC) and provides a summary of the core activities relating to CiC.

Recommendations for 2023-2024:

1. LLA, Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (LCHS) to continue to work together to improve the number of Initial Health Assessments (IHA) completed within the statutory timeframe.
2. LCHS to continue to maintain the current GP workforce to complete IHA’s.
3. The annual report to be shared with the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) service to promote improvement in constructive challenge.
4. A review of the management of and support provided to children with above average SDQ (Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire) scores to be completed.

5. Continued utilisation of the valuing care toolkit and expansion of our residential estates as part of our transformation programme in response to the shortage of local placements for Children in Care.
6. Work with the Oral Health Alliance Group to continue to support access to Dentistry for Children in Care.
7. Work on ensuring transition into Adulthood and Transitional safeguarding for Children in Care and Care Leavers is improved.

3. Conclusion

Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are invited to review and endorse the Children in Care Joint Annual Health Report for 2022/23 attached at Appendix A.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report.	
Appendix A	Children in Care Joint Annual Health Report 2022/23

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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