

Title	Children's Services Update
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Purpose of this report:

To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on current priorities within Children's Services.

Recommendation for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. To note the report and the specific issues identified in relation to children's health and wellbeing.

Inspection Update

1. The report on the Single Inspection Framework Ofsted inspection will be published on Monday 29th January 2018.
2. The Local Area SEND inspection is due anytime. Partners have been briefed on the format of the inspection and the SEND Improvement Plan is well underway.

Health Assessments for Looked After Children

1. There is a statutory requirement that all children who become Looked After receive an Initial Health Assessment, which should be completed by a registered medical practitioner, within 20 working days of the date they become looked after. Performance dropped to 50% of initial health assessments completed within 20 working days of becoming looked after in November 2017 (from 67% in October). This was due to:
 - Late notification of LAC coming into care
 - Other Authorities not being able to accommodate an appointment within our timescales
 - Refusals by young people to attend the IHA

An improvement action plan is in place to address this.

Health Passports for Care Leavers

1. The requirement for Care Leavers to have information about their health history comes from a specific recommendation within the guidance for Looked After Children and Young People and is a national initiative. It was recognised that Care Leavers were not having sufficient information about their own health as well as having limited information about their family and any significant medical history. The Health Summary (or Health Passport) was identified as a means to provide a concise account of their health and any significant issues.
2. At the last Health and Wellbeing Board we reported that a format for recording a child's health history has been developed with young people. The Children in Care Health team at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust are now adding information to the summary when children attend for their health assessments so that a completed health summary is available when they leave care. An evaluation of progress will be undertaken by the multi-agency Looked After Children Working Group at their meeting in February and next steps agreed. This will include considering options for an online format so that children and young people have flexibility and choice around how they access their health information.