

SET Looked After Children and Care Leaver Health Strategy 2018-2020

Aim: To reduce unwarranted variation and improve outcomes for looked after children and care leavers across SET

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THEME	Quality and Performance	Emotional health & wellbeing/ mental health	Voice of children/ young people & engagement	Commissioning of services
AIMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality assurance of all health assessments as per SET quality tool Health assessments completed within statutory timeframes The child's health needs are a key consideration within placement planning Staff receive LAC training as per intercollegiate document health plan is fully embedded in care planning Children placed out of SET receive high quality care Robust communication and pathways To establish a single pathway for LAC with an EHCP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All requests for review health assessments are accompanied by a recent SDQ from local authority Clear pathways in place for emotional wellbeing and mental health of children looked after to ensure needs are identified and addressed early 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All care leavers transitioning from care (from 16) are given a fully comprehensive health passport To improve access, involvement and worker- child relationships for all children and young people in care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear expectations for SET service commissioning Adopt NHS England guidance unwarranted variation guidance SET profiling of health needs to inform JSNA and commissioning Raise the profile of LAC within safeguarding contractual standards and safeguarding clinical network
NICE 31	QS2 – collaborative working QS3 – placement quality/stability QS5 – specialist services support	QS1 – warm, nurturing care QS3 – placement quality/stability QS5 – specialist service support	QS4 - support identity and relationships QS8- support independence	QS5 – specialist service support QS6 – continuity for out of borough placements
OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality health assessments completed within statutory timeframes Health needs of children looked after are identified and met Placement stability Positive experiences of services and good engagement Improved process and information sharing for LAC and EHCP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placement stability Positive relationships with peers and carers Improved overall wellbeing now and in the long term SDQ score informs health assessment Reduce impact of adverse childhood cumulative experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive experience of services Positive transitions Responsive services Improved self esteem Improved engagement and accessibility Positive relationships with professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity of service provision for physical and mental health Greater awareness of local health needs to inform planning Reduce unwarranted variation Clear LAC offer across SET Positive experience of services

Statement Number	Quality Statement NICE QS 31
QS 1	Looked After children, young people and care leavers experience warm and nurturing care
QS 2	Looked after children, young people and care leavers receive care from services and professionals that work collaboratively.
QS 3	Looked after children and young people live in stable placements that meet their needs and preferences.
QS 4	Looked after children, young people and care leavers have on-going opportunities to make sense of their identify and relationships.
QS 5	Looked after children and young people receive specialist and dedicated services within agreed timescales.
QS 6	Looked after children, young people and care leavers who move across local authority or health boundaries continue to receive the services they need.
QS 7	Looked after children, young people and care leavers are supported to fulfil their potential.
QS 8	Care leavers move to independence at their own pace.