

Harrow Children Looked After
Health Service
Corporate Parenting Panel
June 2023

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KPI's for Harrow CLA March – April 2023

	CNWL within 20 days of	months		
March	100%	100%		
April	100%	100%		

Exception reporting excludes:

- requests and consent not made available within 3 days for IHA's and within 3 months for RHA's,
- CLA who do not attend or refuse appointments given or are missing
- CLA placed out of Harrow who depend upon another provider to offer an appointment.





Other Service Specification Requirements

The CLA team also assist the London Borough of Harrow to:

- Record and report dates of dental checks following health assessment
- To update immunisation status of each CLA following health assessment where possible
- GP Registration
- Record and report dates of Optician Checks





Initial Health Assessments Completed

Month 2023	Total Due	IHA completed within 20 days (percentage / number)	IHA completed outside of timescale (percentage / number)	IHA not yet completed (percentage / number)
March	6	100% (6)	0% (0)	0% (0)
April	5	80% (4)	0% (0)	20% (1)

Time scales from CYP identified as CLA to completion of IHA

Total Number of CYP = 11

- within 20 days 10
- between day 21- 30 0
- between day 31- 40 0
- day 41+ (includes not yet seen) 1





Reasons for Late Completion of IHAs

Summary of reasons for late IHA's	No of requests received	Late requests for IHA to CLA team	Carer Declined / Cancelled Appointment	DNA / WNB	Referral / Consent issues	OoB placement	Placement move	Young Person in Hospital
March	6	3	2					
April	5	4	1				3	



Themes for Completion of IHAs

 Contributing challenges for completion are late requests* and placement moves.

7/11 (63.6%) of requests for IHA were received outside timescales. 6 of the 7 late requests were seen in timescales.

No of requests received within

Day 4-5 - 3

Day 6-10 - 3

Day 11-20 - 0

Day 21-40 - 1

- Other reasons can be unpredictable eg DNAs, placed of of borough etc
- * (late referrals and late consents)





Review Health Assessments Completed

Month	Total Due	RHA completed	RHA completed	RHA not yet		
2023		within timescale	outside of	completed		
		(percentage /	timescale	(percentage /		
		number)	(percentage /	number)		
			number)			
March	21	76.2% (16)	19% (4)	4.8% (1)		
April	8	87.5% (7)	% (0)	12.5% (1)		

Time scales from CYP identified as CLA to completion of RHA

Total Number of CYP = 29

Number seen:

within statutory timescales - 23

late - between day 1-10 - 0

late - between day 11-20 - 1

late – between day 21-30 – 1

late - 31+ days plus (includes not yet seen) - 4





Reasons for completing RHA late

Summary of reasons for late RHA's									
	No of requests received	Late requests for RHA	Carer Declined / Cancelled Appointment	DNA / WNB	Referral / Consent issues	Refusal by Young person	OoB placement	Placement move	Young Person in Hospital
March	21	4				1	5		
April	8	5					1		



Themes for Late Completion of RHAs

- The main factor contributing to completing RHA's outside of timescale are Out of Borough LAC teams experiencing capacity issues.
- 9/29 (31%) requests for RHA were received outside timescales. 7 out of the 9 late requests were completed in timescales.

Late requests received within:

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Weeks 12-10 - 6
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Weeks 6-9 - 1

Weeks 8-2 - 2

1 Week or less - 0

Other reasons are unpredictable eg sickness etc



Work Undertaken to Improve Late IHAs/RHAs

- Fortnightly meetings with LA colleagues to improve late requests.
- Liaison with Senior Managers / Team Managers.
- Offer of additional flexible appointments eg Saturday clinics.
- Reminder telephone calls to carers / young people regarding appointment times.





Case Study

- BACKGROUND
- 17 yr old, almost turning 18.
- Currently living in a semi-independent placement.
- Young person experienced significant childhood trauma and abuse.
- History of poor engagement with services, known to CAMHS.





Case Study Cont'd

- Concerns
- Concerns around going missing and abusing alcohol.
- High risk of CSE risk taking behaviour.
- Frequenting A&E department regularly but absconds before treatment.
- Concerns that young person may have liver failure.
- Transferred in and out of borough several times due to placement changes.
- Unclear whether YP was aware of condition.





Case Study Cont'd

- Outcome:
- CLA Nurse called for a professionals meeting to help YP.
- CLA Nurse liaised with YP's GP to find out whether there was a confirmed diagnosis.
- GP shared details that helped the professionals to support YP.
- CLA Nurse continued to support YP and professionals even after she had just turned 18.
- Professionals agreed to a plan to support YP with alcohol abuse, rehabilitation and treatment.





Voice of the Child

- Carer . All aspects of health and development thoroughly discussed and covered in depth. Fully satisfied with the assessment Lovely lady.
- **Young Person** I enjoyed the health assessment. This is my final one and the conductor was very kind.
- Young Person The nurse was very assuring and kind whilst also being professional. Better experience than last time.
- Young Person It was good.
- Carer We are happy with the health assessment and how it was done. Appreciate the concern and care provided – Thank you.
- Carer Very comprehensive, asked about behaviour and health in great detail. I felt all issues were raised and addressed.
- **Young Person** It was very good, the LAC nurse was very welcoming and very understanding.

