

Proposal for change in provision of CLA Health Service Update

The Harrow Children Looked After (CLA) Health Service is commissioned jointly by Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group and Harrow Council and is currently provided by Ealing Integrated Care Organisation. Its purpose is to assess and improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of Harrow's CLA. As the Corporate Parenting Panel is aware, the CQC visit in January 2014 recommended a number of areas for improvement within existing service provision.

Because of the level of concern around the CLA service provision, Harrow commissioners (within the CCG and Council) following an options appraisal have invited Central North West London to consider providing the CLA Health Service. There have been a series of meetings conducted with representatives from Harrow Council, Harrow CCG and CNWL's Hillingdon Community Services, to discuss and further develop a service specification for the Harrow CLA Health Service.

Specific Service Delivery Requirements:

1. Comprehensive assessment of the health needs for all Harrow Children Looked After including those both in and outside the Borough
2. A specific, mapped high level care pathways for the CLA Health Service
3. Initial Health Assessments to be completed within 28 calendar days of a child being looked after and Review Health Assessments to be completed every 5 children looked after 6 months for CLA under 5 years old and 12 months for CLA over 5 years old.
4. Completion of Health Passports and the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires
5. A broad suite of outcomes and output measures which includes both locally and nationally developed measures

Contract Term:

The Harrow CLA Health Service specification is for a 1 year contractual period from the 1 February 2015-31 January 2016 with an extension to sustain service delivery whilst the service goes through to competitive procurement.

Service Level Agreement:

Considerable work has been undertaken by Harrow CCG, Harrow Council and CNWL Hillingdon Community Services to develop a robust but workable SLA. It is important to the Commissioners that the service is an integrated one and with this in mind, the Adoption and Fostering Panel has been brought into the SLA. The focus is to provide a local service that meets the needs of the CLA cohort. There has been some discussion about where the CLA Assessments are carried out and there is a strong belief that for CLA a clinic setting rather than a hospital setting is more appropriate.

Work on the Proposal is now in the final stages. The SLA once completed will be agreed and signed by Harrow CCG, Harrow Council and CNWL Hillingdon Community Services and it will be shared with the Corporate Parenting Panel for information. Following that there will be the expectation that data from the service as agreed in the SLA will be presented at the Corporate Parenting Panel at regular intervals so it can be assured the CLA cohort are receiving the service they require.

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