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Looked After Children (LAC) Service

Health service for Looked After Children and Young People in care in the Great Yarmouth & Waveney Area



Welcome

to East Coast Community Healthcare (ECCH)'s Looked After Children (LAC) Service.

Looked After Children and Young People are those aged between 0-18 years who are under the care of the local authority.

Statutory health assessment

The Looked After Children Service works closely with social workers and carers to promote the current and future health needs of Looked After Children and Young People living within the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area.

Our team consists of three nurses, two paediatricians and two administrators. The service works alongside the multi-agency forum to ensure timely completion of health assessments and appropriate referrals as needed.

Referrals are accepted from:

- Suffolk County Council
- Norfolk County Council
- Other local authorities

What we provide

Initial Health Assessment

When a child or young person is first placed in care, they will be offered an Initial Health Assessment (IHA) by a paediatrician.

These are held at the James Paget University Hospital or Newberry Child Development Centre.

Review Health Assessment

Children aged 0-5 years will be given a Review Health Assessment (RHA) every 6 months by a health visitor. Children and young people aged 5-18 years will be offered an annual review and ongoing support by a nurse specialist.

Consent

The doctor and/or nurse will discuss consent to record sharing at the assessment, and before carrying out a physical examination. The child or young person is always free to say no, or to ask for more information before making up their mind.

Children and young people are also free to request a chaperone during their assessments.

Referrals and signposting

If there are any physical, emotional or mental health needs, the child or young person will be referred to a specialist service, such as a hospital specialist or Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Sexual health advice

The Looked After Children team can offer sexual health advice and support, and can provide c-cards, contraception and screening kits.

CIC review meeting attendance

If invited, we will attend a child or young person's Statutory Review where possible. If we are not required or unable to attend, we will send a health update report.



Discharge from the service

A child or young person may be discharged from the service when:

- They turn 18 years old
- An adoption order is granted
- A care order is revoked
- A SGO order is granted

Our service is open for carers and professionals, Mondays to Fridays 8:30am - 5:00pm on **01502 572380**. This is for both general and child-specific enquiries.

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