

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
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Report of:	Insert name of Director(s)	
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Health Report

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Katie Liddle, Designated Nurse Children in Care	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the content of the report Raise any queries with the lead officers 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to a formal Corporate Parenting Committee as part of a scheduled work programme item.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 This report provides an update on health and dental services for children in care. The report provides an overview of the Integrated Care Board's (ICB) activities to ensure robust monitoring and quality assurance systems are in place to meet the health needs of Peterborough's Children in Care including those with a disability.
- 2.2 This report is for the Corporate Parenting panel to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.4.4.6
(c) Promote the development of participation and ensure that the view of children and young people are regularly heard through the Corporate Parenting Committee to improve educational, health and social outcomes to raise aspiration and attainments.

2.3 N/A

2.4 *How does this report link to the Children in care Promise?*

We will support you maintain a healthy lifestyle and help look after your physical and mental health.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Joint Forward Plan and national guidance

Oral care and dental support for children and young people in care feature in the Joint Forward Plan (JFP). The JFP is a mandatory five year plan that the Integrated Care Board and partner NHS Trusts have produced to describe how they will work together, outlining steps to improve local services for local people.

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance regarding oral health for children states the longest interval between oral health reviews for patients younger than 18 years should be not more than 12 months.

4.2 Dental update

All children in care placed in Peterborough have their dental health reviewed during health assessments. Children seen for Initial Health Assessments (IHAs) have a mouth check completed by a paediatrician and every child that is seen for a Review Health Assessment (RHA) has their dental health and access to dental care discussed as part of their review with a specialist nurse.

The table below identifies children who did not have a mouth check over the last 4 years:

Timeframe	How many DID NOT have a mouth check during IHA
1st April 2019-31st March 2020	11
1st April 2020-31st March 2021	52
1st April 2021-31st March 2022	55
1 st April 2022-31 st March 2023	0

Children in care are advised of their local dental access centre if they are in pain or score red on the mouth check RAG rating system. All children in care are advised of the CHiC dental practices identified on the volunteer dentist map for routine dental check ups and preventative dental care.

Month	Number of CiC who had mouth Check completed (IHA)	Number of CiC who had mouth check discussed only (not physically examined) (RHA)	Number of CiC who did not have mouth check or discussion	Number of children in care advised of CHiC volunteer dental practices
Sep-22	13	27	0	40
Oct-22	6	15	0	21
Nov-22	4	31	0	35
Dec-22	17	15	0	32
Jan-23	30	30	0	60
Feb-23	8	19	0	27
Mar-23	18	20	0	38
Apr-23	5	15	0	20
May-23	12	18	0	30
Jun-23	5	20	0	25

4.3 **Bushfield Dental Practice**

Bushfield dental practice have continued the commitment made in Jan 2023 to see children in Care living in Peterborough for routine dental assessments and completion of treatment required. There is a code to be used when the carer/young person makes an appointment which has been circulated widely across health and Social Care teams. This is so the reception team know to book them a appointment without question when the code is used. The practice manager has not kept a log of how many appointments have been offered to children in care and is keen that the code is not used to segregate them as a separate group of children and young people. The practice manager confirmed this week that the practice is happy to continue to support Children's Social Care by seeing children in care under the age of 18 who are placed in Peterborough without question.

In addition, Bretton Dental Practice have continued to see Separated Migrant Children and young people living in Peterborough without issue.

4.4 **Children in care who have seen a dentist within 12 months**

Month	Total number of Peterborough children who have been in care for 12 months or more at month end.	Number of those children who had seen a dentist in the last 12 months	Number of those children who had not seen a dentist in the last 12 months	Percentage of children who had seen a dentist within last 12 months
April 2023	263	214	55	81%
May 2023	263	206	57	78%
June 2023	264	198	66	75%
July 2023	260	190	70	73%
August 2023	252	172	80	68%
Sept 2023	255	177	78	69%

The table above indicates that an average of 74% Children in Care looked after by Peterborough Local Authority between April – September 2023 have seen a dentist within the last 12 months. This is not exclusive for those children in care placed in Peterborough but considers all Peterborough children who are currently looked after including those placed out of area. It may be useful to consider how children in care and data regarding dental access is captured moving forward. The Designated Nurse for Children in Care will take this forward for consideration.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 N/A

5.2 N/A

5.3 N/A

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 To improve health and well-being, and health outcomes for children in care by ensuring adequate assessment of health and suitable health provision; addressing areas where there may be a lack of provision or improvements required.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 Corporate Parenting Committee have requested a health update at all formal committees.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

9.2 N/A

Equalities Implications

9.3 N/A

9.4 N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None