

Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee – 3 October 2022

Item number: 8

Title: Update from the Children in Care health team

Report

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This report provides an update on the actions taken to address the delay in sharing the health assessment reports for Children in Care.

2. Recommendations

2.1 For Members to note.

3. Reasons for decision

N/A

4. Background information

4.1 A report was presented to CPAC on 13 July 2022 where Members were notified that an audit undertaken by Whittington Health had identified that 90 assessment reports for health assessments undertaken between November 2021 and March 2022 had not been distributed within target timeframes. Whittington Health completed an investigation to identify the cause of the delay and a series of actions were agreed to address the issues identified

4.2 One of the actions following the review has been the implementation of a new system in the Health Children in Care team for sharing recommendations following health assessments for Children in Care. The new system will have 2 audit points overseen by the Designate Nurse on 26th of September 2022 and 31st of January 2023.

4.3 A template has been designed to record relevant recommendations from the health assessment. The template will be completed by the doctor or nurse undertaking the assessment and will be uploaded to Mosaic within 48 hours (2 working days) of the assessment,. The full health report, when completed, will continue to be uploaded to Mosaic and copies sent to GP and local health professionals involved in the child’s care. Recommendations will continue to be sent the carers. If the

recommendations have not been uploaded on Mosaic 48 hours after the appointment, Social Workers will be able to contact the Designated nurse who will follow this up.

4.4 A system to monitor compliance will be introduced within the WH Children in Care team .

4.5 A new cohort of doctors working with the WH Children in Care team will join the service from 8th September. They will be instructed on the new process as part of their induction and in future all new staff will be informed of the new process.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

N/A

6. Use of Appendices

N/A

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A