

Ofsted Inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services

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Overall Judgements

- Safeguarding: Adequate
- Services for looked after children: Adequate

Safeguarding Services: Judgements

- Overall effectiveness Adequate
- Capacity for Improvement Good
- Children and young people are safe and feel safe Adequate
- Quality of provision Adequate
- Contribution of Health agencies to keeping children and young people safe Adequate
- Ambition and prioritisation Good
- Leadership and Management Good
- Performance Management and QA Adequate
- Partnership working Good
- Equality and Diversity Good

Safeguarding: Areas for Improvement

Within three months

- Review the deployment of social work assistants to ensure that all assessment work fully complies with the requirements set out in “Working Together to Safeguard Children”
- Ensure NHS Haringey and partners reduce the level of non-attendance at child protection review medicals and that attendance rates are routinely monitored by senior health and children’s services managers and HSCB
- Improve the attendance and participation of key agencies and professionals at strategy meetings
- Ensure that staff supervision records are up-to-date and that they include clear objectives for personal development and training.

Safeguarding: Areas for Improvement

Within six months

- Develop joint arrangements for the evaluation of services, including the analysis of trends in the number of representations and complaints, the work of the LADO, strategies for family support and early intervention and multi-agency work with children with disabilities who are subject to a child protection plan
- Ensure the timely allocation of all children in need cases and the regular review of their service plans
- Ensure that children and young people who go missing have an opportunity to meet with a suitably designated independent person on their return
- Ensure that the quality of all case recording, staff supervision, assessments and care plan consistently matches best practice
- Improve the way that the Child Protection Advisers carry out their quality control and assurance functions.

Services for looked after children: Judgements

- Overall Effectiveness Adequate
- Capacity for Improvement Good
- How good are outcomes for looked after children and care leavers? Adequate
- Staying Safe Adequate
- Enjoying and Achieving Good
- Making a Positive Contribution Adequate
- Economic Well-Being Good
- Quality of Provision Adequate
- Ambition and Prioritisation Adequate
- Leadership and Management Adequate
- Performance Management and QA Adequate
- Equality and Diversity Good

Looked after children services: Areas for Improvement

Within three months:

- Review the role of Independent Review Officers to ensure they are carrying out their quality control and assurance functions fully and that the data that they collect is used to inform strategic planning
- Ensure there are robust systems in place to monitor the quality of healthcare provided to all looked after children and care leavers in all settings.

Looked after children services: Areas for Improvement

Within six months:

- Review the effectiveness of current corporate parenting arrangements, including in relation to the strategic direction of services, target setting and review, and engaging the full partnership in achieving its ambition for looked after children and young people
- Increase the use of personal education plans and establish a more consistent framework for regular review and reporting
- Review arrangements for the provision of short-term breaks for disabled children and young people and develop joint guidance for improving practice in this area.