
Haringey Children in Care Health team

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Background

Health Statutory Responsibility to address health needs in CIC

- Children in care have additional unidentified, and /or unmet health or developmental issues with a high prevalence of emotional and behavioural difficulties.
- CIC health team are commissioned to provide the statutory Initial Health Assessment (IHA) by a Paediatrician and Review Health Assessments by Specialist Nurses
 - Under 5 years 2 assessments per year
 - 5 to 18 years 1 assessment per year

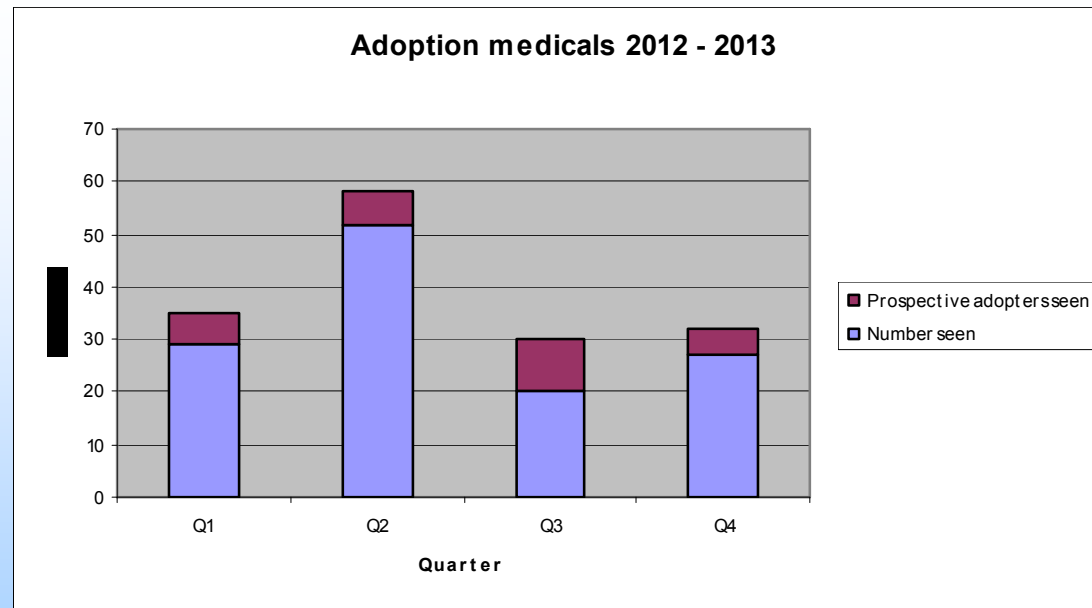
Targets for cic health team

- IHAs guidance is that these are completed within 20 working days following child coming into care.
- RHAs guidance is that they are seen within 20 working days of the due date.
- Currently for Haringey 82.3% we are working towards 90%

IHAs performance children seen with in 4 weeks

2012/2013 Q4		2011/2012 Q4	
0-4 weeks:	61%	0-4 weeks:	47%
4-6 weeks:	7%	4-6 weeks:	17.6%
6-8 weeks:	18%	6-8 weeks:	17.6%
8-10 weeks:	4%	8-10 weeks:	11.7%
10+ weeks:	7%	10+ weeks:	5.8%

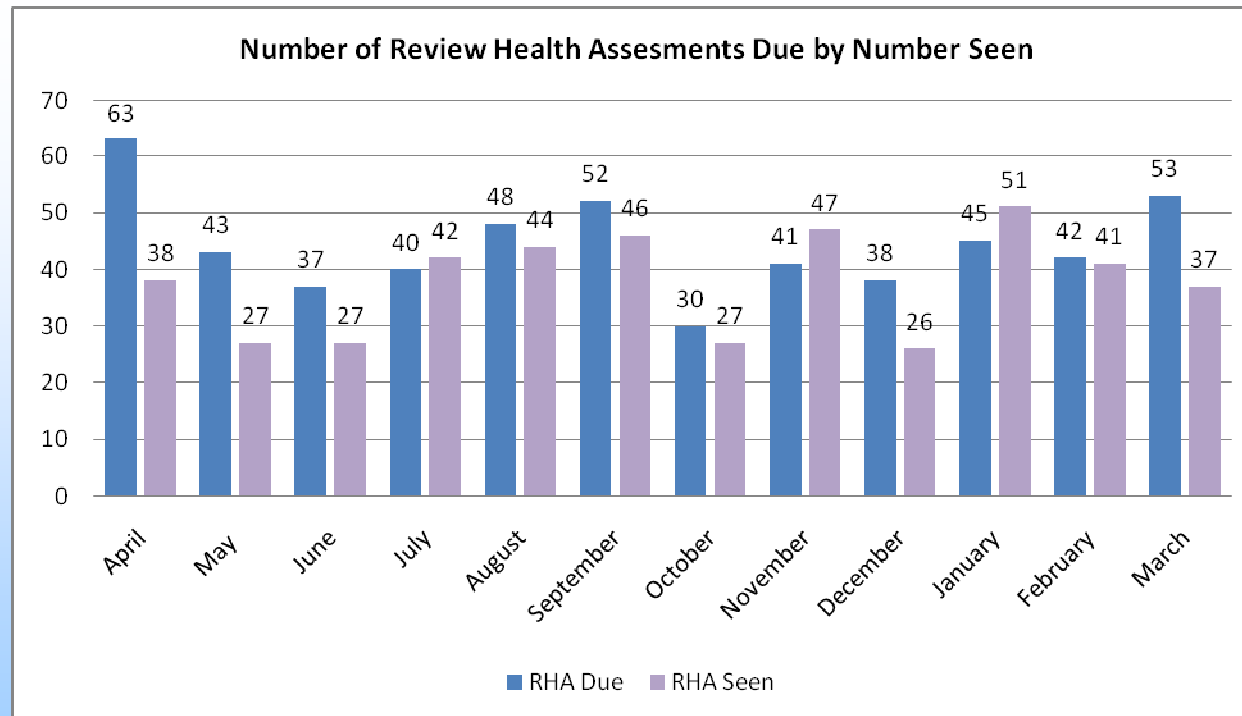
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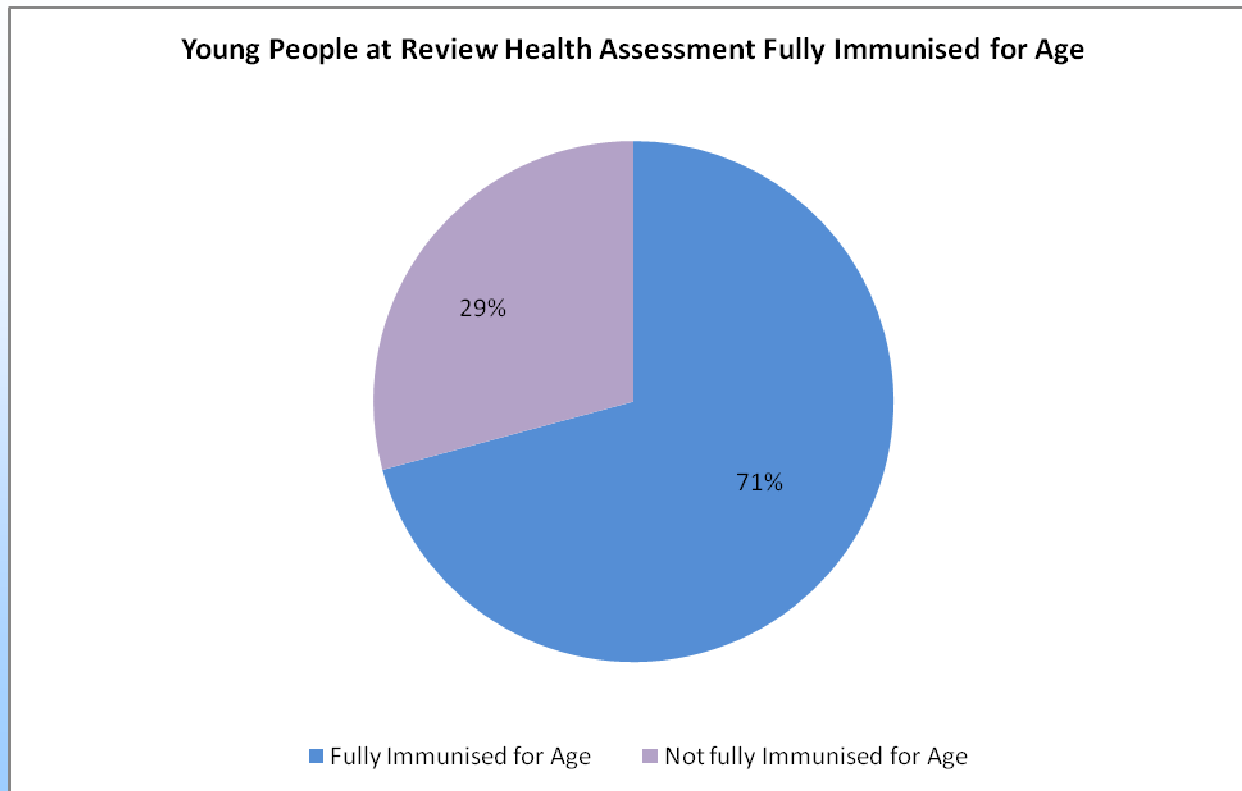
Review health assessments

2012-2013	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
RHA Due by month	63	43	37	40	48	52	30	41	38	45	42	53
RHA Seen in month	38	27	27	42	44	46	27	47	26	51	41	37
DNA/Cancellations	11	6	9	6	0	4	12	6	2	11	8	9
Fully immunised for age	26	14	21	23	28	29	25	30	21	35	31	27

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Immunisation rate 2013



Developments in 2012 - 2013

- Integrated nursing and paediatric teams-positive team working through shared base, and clinical meeting and shared reflection.
- Willingness to work flexibly and jointly, especially with regard to complex cases.
- Improved health assessment quality since the team have been responsible for all assessments
- IHA improved coverage – essentially virtually all the children are now seen.
- Immunisations rate improved now 71% -target is 100%
- Adoption – 90 children seen & 15 children placed for adoption
- Two away days –working processes & systems-developed operational policy
- Integrated data base for reporting- work in progress
- Developed business case for additional nurse and admin – accepted, and nursing post advertised.
- Multi-Agency Operational Group constituted
- Attachment & child development & behaviour level 3 module at City University for nurses
- Masters dissertation in Complex Care and CP- paediatrician
- Developed links with First Step
- Education & Training for adopters and social workers, nurses, and foster carers
- Rooms refurbishment at our base in Bounds Green.

Current Challenges

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- Children placed out of borough 74%.
- Immunisation rate
- Meeting our targets for health assessments
- Adoption workload
- Complex cases, emerging neurodevelopmental problems particularly in children secondary to drugs and alcohol exposure in the womb
- Genetic conditions- number of chromosomal disorders being identified
- Sexual health and teenage pregnancy
- Severe mental health issues
- Unaccompanied minors/asylum seekers
- Young people on remand

Vision for the future

- Embed our operational policy and develop our links with social care.
- All children will be seen within the recommended time frame
- Improving immunisation rates- recognising 100% may be unachievable.
- To be more pro active regards foster carers training
- To explore with social care other ways of supporting parents with drug or alcohol problems to reduce the number of affected children.
- To explore ways of engaging hard to reach young people.