Flowchart for Addressing Health Needs of Looked After Children

Child becomes 'Looked after'

INITIAL

SUBSEQUENT

Looked after for the first time

Social Worker completes LAC form and obtains parental consent.

All Health Assessments are coordinated by specialist LAC nurse

IN BOROUGH

CIC Admin send a completed BAAF form/request to Admin at Child Health Team requesting an Initial Health Assessment is completed by the Community Paediatrician with 28 days

OUT OF AREA

Completed BAAF form sent to CIC LAC Nurse to send to host authority for Initial Health Assessment to be completed.

Child Care Admin input completed Health Assessment Reports onto ICS when received back.

Admin Team sends relevant part of LAC form to CH Team.

CH office arranges initial health assessment within 28 days via Community Paediatricians. Clinic Manager arranges appointment & notifies SSD Admin. If child DNA, CMO to do paper based assessment, form returned to LAC office. If child refuses medical then an appointment will be offered for health assessment with LAC Nurse.

Social Worker to be alerted immediately and Manager informed if long delay before health assessment takes place.

NB
If a child or young person refuses a health assessment, then this should be recorded in the PHR and LAC record and further appointment offered after 3 months

Subsequent health assessments are requested:
Under 4 – every 6 months
Over 4 – every 12 months