**Draft Adoption Medical Pathway**

Any child who may be adopted needs to have their health and their parent’s health reviewed by the Adoption Medical Advisor. In the majority of cases this will mean that the child needs a comprehensive health assessment.

For this to happen the Social Worker needs follow the Pathway within the allotted timescales. **An adoption medical cannot go ahead without the consent of the parent; therefore, this needs to be in place before contacting the Adoption Medical Advisor secretary.**

If the child is placed OOB then please see OOB adoption guidance

The child’s Social Worker contacts Adoption Medical Advisor (AMA) secretary requesting an adoption medical. This will need to be 6 weeks before the complete adoption medical is required. The SW will send the signed parental consent to the AMA secretary

The Social Worker will confirm within 48 hours that the Social Worker, child and current carer and were possible the parents can attend the appointment

Contacts

Adoption Medical Advisor Secretary: Sarah Endicott Tel 01793 604276

Adoption Medical Advisor: Dr Olga Papacchini Email olga.papacchini1@nhs.net

The health assessment is completed and the AMA will complete and return the adoption medical report within 1 week of the appointment

The Social Worker will arrange for the forms to be completed (details on the back of the appointment letter) and return all the forms to the AMA at least 3 weeks before the adoption medical. If all the paperwork is not received within this timescale the appointment may be postponed

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If the adoption medical is required urgently the Social Worker needs to contact the AMA immediately

The AMA’s secretary will send an appointment letter to the child’s Social Worker with a list of information required and the appropriate forms