

Health Assessment Process for children Looked After by Shropshire Children's Services

Title	Health Assessments for Looked After Children
Purpose/scope	Health assessments are a statutory requirement for all Looked After Children.
	This document sets out the requirement for how health assessments will be completed for children and young people looked after by Shropshire Children's Services.
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Initial Health Assessments Process

At the point a child or young person becomes looked after the placing social worker will complete N1 which should be forwarded to the Independent Reviewing Unit.

On receipt of the NI Form the SISO will complete the Initial Health Assessment Document on LCS and will assign the relevant documents via LCS to the allocated social worker.

NB* in S20 the Initial Health Assessment **will not** go ahead without the consent form being completed

The Social Worker will then complete the Coram BAAF forms (some will require information from parent(s)) and or young person and forward to Senior Information Support Officer (SISO) Quality Assurance and Performance Team within 48hrs.

Guidance on completion is contained within each document.

The SISO will forward the completed forms to Health

 $LAC\ Health\ will\ arrange\ the\ Health\ appointment\ and\ will\ inform\ the\ SISO\ of\ date,\ time,\ venue$

The SISO will add the information onto LCS as a case note with the title INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT APPOINTMENT DETAILS

The SISO will email the appointment details to the allocated Social Worker and cc Team Manager

If unable to complete at the point of placement, completion of the Forms **must be within 48** hours of the child or young person becoming looked after and returned to the SISO.

The allocated / duty Worker will attend the initial health assessment physically or virtually along with their allocated child and where relevant parents / carer.



Review Health Assessments



SISO will email LAC Health of all upcoming Health Assessments on the first of each month and forward the Coram BAAF Consent Form to the allocated social worker and CC Team Manager

Social Worker must complete PART A only within 5 working days of receipt and return to the SISO.

If form is not returned within **5 working days** SISO will be escalate to Team Manager and cc. Service Manager

LAC Health will arrange the Health appointment and will inform the SISO and Foster Carer of date, time, venue

The SISO will add the information onto LCS as a case note with the title REVIEW HEALTH ASSESSMENT APPOINTMENT DETAILS

The SISO will email the appointment details to the allocated Social Worker and cc Team Manager for information