

## BRIEFING REPORT

### Corporate Parenting Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 27 January 2022

**Report Title:** The Health of Cared for Children and Young People Annual Report, 2020-2021

**Report of:** Shân McParland, Designated Nurse Looked After Children

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| <b>Corporate Plan Priorities</b> | <b>Open</b>  | An open and enabling organisation               |   |
|                                  | <b>Fair</b>  | A council which empowers and cares about people | X |
|                                  | <b>Green</b> | A thriving and sustainable place                |   |

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. This report outlines the delivery of health services to children in the care of Cheshire East Council (CEC) during the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. It reviews performance indicators, clinical work undertaken by the Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust Cared for Children Health Team, service improvements and plans for further development.

#### 2. Executive Summary

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### 3. Background

- 3.1. This annual report aligns with pledge four within the Corporate Parenting Strategy ***'We will improve health and wellbeing outcomes'***.
- 3.2. The Clinical Commissioning Group also has a statutory duty to comply with requests from a local authority to help them provide support and services to cared for children and young people which promote their health and well-being.

### 4. Briefing Information

- 4.1. The aim of the Cared for Children Health Service is to ensure that children in the care of Cheshire East Council have their health needs identified and addressed. This includes the provision of a detailed, high quality initial health assessment (IHA) when received into care and a statutory review health assessment (RHA) annually for children over five years of age and 6 monthly for those under five years of age.
- 4.2. The team works in partnership with Cheshire East Council and local health providers to ensure that appropriate services are developed and maintained to continue meet the health needs and improve the health and wellbeing of all cared for children and young people originating from Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group area.

### 5. Implications

#### 5.1. Legal

- 5.1.1. Legal advice will be sought, as appropriate, upon all relevant emerging issues.

#### 5.2. Finance

- 5.2.1. There are no direct financial implications of this report.

#### 5.3. Human Resources

- 5.3.1. There are no direct human resource implications of this report.

| Access to Information |                                                                            |
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| Appendices:           | The Health of Cared for Children and Young People Annual Report, 2020-2021 |
| Background Papers:    | None                                                                       |