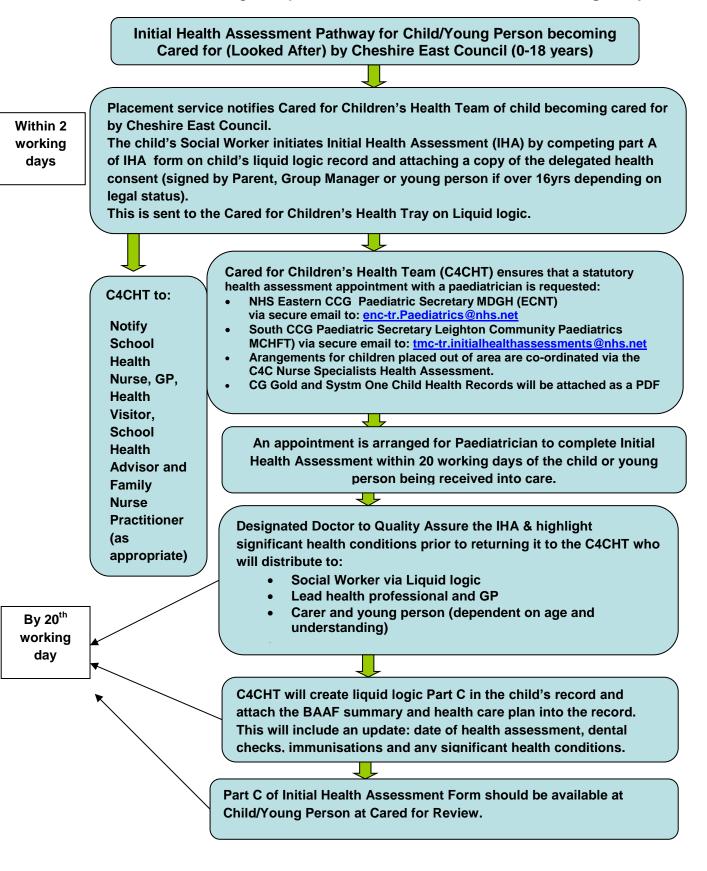


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C4CHT will liaise with Social Worker, Carer /Young person (dependent on age and understanding) to offer an appointment to complete a health assessment or questionnaire and create a health care plan.

When a Child/Young Person does not consent to see a Paediatrician the Social Worker should discuss this refusal with the Cared for Children's Health Team (C4CHT) who will record that the initial health assessment has been refused.

## Additional Notes

- The aim of this health assessment pathway is to provide a simple visual guide for both health and social care colleagues.
- Delegated health consent should be obtained from a person with parental responsibility at the point of entry into care. Dependant on the child's legal status this is likely to be the child's birth parent, social care group manager or other legal guardian.
- It is a social work statutory requirement to ensure that initial health assessments are requested and that delegated health consent is available. Senior Unit Co-Ordinators will have a pivotal role in relation to communication between the C4CHT and social care.
- Coram BAAF documentation will be used supported by Cheshire East Liquid logic health assessment forms.
- The IHA form is created on the child's Liquid logic record this is referred to as part A. This form is sent to the C4CHT shared "Health" work tray on Liquid logic.
- Arrangements for Children in Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will usually be made via Paediatricians at Macclesfield Hospital. Arrangements for children from South Cheshire CCG will usually be made via Community Paediatrics at Leighton Hospital. Where this is not possible responsible commissioner arrangements will be adhered to.
- Appointments letters should be sent to the child's carer with a copy for the child's social worker and C4CHT.
- Every effort will be made to combine any existing appointments and assessment information in order to avoid duplication.
- Once the health assessment is complete a Liquid logic part C is completed by the C4CHT and the health care plan attached.
- The health care plan for will routine SDQ screening for 5-16 year olds (see separate pathway).
- The wishes and feelings of a Gillick competent Child/Young Person should be taken into account. When a young person refuses a health assessment / or questionnaire the Social Worker should discuss refusal C4CHT. (See separate 16+ health assessment did not attend and refusal pathway.)
- In some circumstances and dependent on the nature of the case, the Social Worker may need to seek legal advice, or in extreme circumstances, present the matter to the Court for direction.
- Where compliance with the pathway is not achieved the IHA escalation pathway should be followed.

## **Relevant Statutory Guidance:**

"Promoting the Health and Well Being of Looked After Children" (DfE & DoH, 2015)







