

# Meeting of Governing Body

Date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Time: 1:30pm

In light of the recent Government advice regarding social distancing, the Governing Body will meet virtually until further notice. The meeting will be accessible to members of the public. Please see our website for more details.

<b>Agenda Number :</b>	7.1
<b>Title:</b>	Workshop Update following Peer Review of Looked After Children
<b>Purpose: For Information</b>	
<b>Key Points for Discussion:</b>	
<p>Further to the presentation at July's Governing Body, a workshop with multi-agency partners was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to discuss the findings of the review of Looked After Children's (LAC) Services across BNSSG.</p> <p>Representatives were present from the CCG, Sirona Health &amp; Care and the three Local Authorities.</p> <p>The findings and the recommendations of the review were accepted and key actions were agreed that will help improve LAC services in the coming year.</p> <p>A further workshop will be held on 13 August 2020.</p>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>To note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A system wide action plan will be developed for LAC</li> <li>• Oversight of this action plan will be via the Children's and Family's Partnership Board</li> </ul>
<b>Previously Considered By and feedback :</b>	The slide deck developed after the workshop has been shared with the Quality Committee. The date of the Quality Committee is after the date this paper is due to be submitted, therefore unable to provide feedback.
<b>Management of Declared Interest:</b>	No conflicts of interest were identified at the Workshop or in the development of the action plan.
<b>Risk and Assurance:</b>	No risks identified currently around the workshop and development of the action plan. Once this has been approved, risks associated with delivery will be highlighted to the Board.
<b>Financial / Resource Implications:</b>	Once an action plan has been agreed across BNSSG the financial and resource implications associated with the development of services can be quantified.

<b>Legal, Policy and Regulatory Requirements:</b>	CCGs have a statutory responsibility to assure that a child's health plan is implemented regardless of geographical location. Looked After Children should receive timely access to services and must not be compromised as a result of frequent changes of placement.
<b>How does this reduce Health Inequalities:</b>	Looked After Children experience poorer health outcomes than their peers. Care leavers are particularly vulnerable to troublesome mental health needs that do not meet threshold for adult mental health services. The development and implementation of an overarching action plan to improve services and outcomes for looked after children will help improve the health outcomes for this vulnerable group of children.
<b>How does this impact on Equality &amp; diversity</b>	No Equality Impact Assessment/ Equality Impact Screening Assessment has been undertaken in relation to the review or the workshop. Once the action plan is developed and key work streams identified, the need for an Equality Impact Assessment will be reviewed against each work stream.
<b>Patient and Public Involvement:</b>	No patient and public engagement has taken place in relation to this report. As part of the development of the BNSSG wide response to developing a system wide action plan to improve services for Looked After Children further engagement with children looked after will take place. The final action plan will also go to the Corporate Parenting Board.
<b>Communications and Engagement:</b>	The slide deck from the Workshop has been shared with all participants. A further workshop with multi-agency partners around LAC will be held on 13 August 2020.
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# **Looked After Children (LAC) Appreciative Enquiry Workshop 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Angela Stephen & Andrea O'Connell – 21 July 2020

# Learning from Covid - Discussion

- Identified new ways of engaging young people virtually (Google, Whats App, Phone)
- Positive feedback from children on ways of engaging
- Children never previously engaged, engaged (DNA 7 times but engaged virtually)
- LAC Staff mindful of type conversations had using virtual platforms
- Recognition does not replace face to face (How children interact, eye contact, visual que's)
- Future - balance technology & face to face
- Seen an increased in strategy meetings since Covid
- Strategy meetings working well virtually

# Vision - Discussion

- **Voice of Child driving all actions/interactions** – about the children and what they want
- Developing new ways to engage hard to reach LAC
- Clear bases/clinic rooms
- System work together effectively
- **Child led service supported by System**
- **Every child in care to achieve their potential** (education, health, life)
- Cohesive working – recognising different roles and responsibilities
- Use of the “**I thrive**” model
- Focus on care leavers
- Meeting **health needs across the life course**
- **LAC have confidence and trust in staff caring for them**
- What is BNSSG wider offer – how can we involve wider agencies
- Creation of peer support
- **Child focus, everyone works together, aspirational young people**

# BNSSG Actions 2020/2021

1. Create a **“Map of the World” in LAC** – whose who, what they do, key meetings/who attends, what information is being collected. This will include reporting arrangements across BNSSG
2. Develop **BNSSG wide vision for LAC** – involve LAC in developing vision, service model and specification will follow
3. Develop **BNSSG wide action plan** to improve LAC – involve LAC in identifying what needs improving
4. Develop a joint **LAC training plan** across BNSSG (CCG, provider, LA's) for all professionals (not just LAC specialist)
5. Develop a **BNSSG wise engagement plan for LAC**

# Next Steps

- All agencies to develop an action plan for their specific actions by end July 2020
- Action Plan to go to Children & Families Partnership Board for oversight
- Further workshop set up for August 2020 – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 13:00
- Set up Task & Finish groups to lead each action