



## Looked After Children (Health) Steering Group Terms of Reference

### **Area of overview and Remit**

To support the improvement of health outcomes for Looked After Children across The Highland Council and North NHS Highland area

### **Purpose**

To establish an improvement plan for health care delivery for Looked After Children. The improvement plan will identify priorities for improvement and service development and provide clear actions, timescales and data measures for performance management to ensure that improvement and service change occurs in a co-ordinated, planned way with a clear focus on improving health outcomes. The group will ensure there is a framework for robust governance of practice for staff working with Looked After Children and will ensure that service development is in line with national requirements and local drivers.

### **Summary of Scope**

The scope of the group includes:

- The group will steer service development and delivery for LAC. This includes all LAC, including those Looked After at home, in kinship care placements and Highland Children placed out with the local authority area.
- Effectively responding to statistical data to benchmark and track progress with a focus for improvement;
- Set clear targets to enable improvement
- Provide leadership to discreet projects of improvement across agencies

### **Policy context**

The group will work within a policy and practice framework which includes

- *The Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 2009*
- *CEL 16 (2009)*
- *Guidance for Health Assessments for LAC (2014), The Scottish Government*
- *Knowledge Skills and competence for health staff framework (Royal college paediatrics and child health, 2015)*
- *Looked After Children (Health) Procedures (THC, 2016)*
- *Out of Region Procedures (THC, 2016)*
- *Highland Practice Model Guidance (Update 2015)*

- *Mental Health of Children and Young People: A framework for promotion, prevention and care (Scottish Government, 2005)*
- *Mental Health Strategy for Scotland: 2012-2015 (Scottish Government)*
- *NICE Guidance – Children’s attachment: attachment in children and young people who are adopted from care, in care or at high risk of going into care (NG26, 2015)*
- *NICE Guidance – Looked-after children and young people (PH28, 2015)*

### **Chair and Membership**

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Additional group members will be invited to attend as required

### **Reporting arrangements**

Local reporting to the Looked After Children Improvement Group and the Child Protection and LAC Governance Group.

Local Link via membership to the Mental Health Improvement Group and the Child Protection Improvement Group

National link to the School Nurse Review Group and Looked After Children Lead Nurse Forum.

### **Working practices**

- The chair may co-opt additional representatives as required to inform/support the work of the group.
- Meeting agendas will be set and circulated in advance and action notes taken
- The group will be deemed quorate with the attendance of five members including the Chair or deputy chair.
- The group should meet at least every 2 months.