

SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

A. Service Specifications

Service Specification No.	01/MRFH/0007
Service	SPECIALIST HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
Commissioner Lead	Maternity Reproduction & Family Health CCP
Provider Lead	Dorset Healthcare University Foundation Trust
Period	
Date of Review	November 2015

1. Population Needs

1.1 National/local context and evidence base

Statutory Guidance on Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked After Children 2015 in conjunction with the Children's Act 1989/2004, Health and Social care Act 2012 and Nice Guidance Quality Standard 31; clearly outlines the importance for specialist services being integrated around the child's and young person's identified needs. To ensure colocation and multi-agency arrangements to support vulnerable children where improved prevention and earlier intervention can be provided. This approach is central to improving outcomes for children in care. The Looked After Children Service is to be delivered at a specialist level in addition to universal and primary care health provision.

2. Outcomes

2.1 NHS Outcomes Framework Domains & Indicators

Domain 1	Preventing people from dying prematurely	*
Domain 2	Enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions	*
Domain 3	Helping people to recover from episodes of ill-health or following injury	*
Domain 4	Ensuring people have a positive experience of care	*
Domain 5	Treating and caring for people in safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm	*

2.2 Local defined outcomes

2.2.1 Provide robust arrangements Pan Dorset, to ensure secure access to timely health assessments, advice and comprehensive information about the child's health to avoid unnecessary delays for the child.

2.2.2 Work with the Designated professionals on planning and developing strategy for service for Looked After Children.

2.2.3 Implement and maintain systems Pan Dorset for completion of the statutory Health Assessments within the agreed performance indicators or subsequent statutory time frames.

2.2.4 Provide access to the service for all Looked After Children within community appropriate settings across Dorset.

2.2.5 Undertake collection and analysis of data to inform KPI's and Quality reporting to CCG within defined timeframes.

2.2.6 Have in place contracts with OOA providers for the implementation of RHA's and/or subsequent HA's as required.

2.2.7 Arrangements are in place to ensure a smooth transition for Looked After Children and care leavers moving from child to adult health services.

2.2.8 Ensure clinical governance and audit arrangements are in place to assure improved quality of health outcomes for Looked after Children.

3. Scope

3.1 Aims and objectives of service

3.1.1 The objectives for the Specialist Health Service for Looked After Children and Young People, working in collaboration with the Medical Services for Looked After Children and Young People are but not conclusive:

3.1.2 . Provide Looked After Children and Young People access, with ease, to health services for advice, prevention assessment and intervention in a timely manner;

3.1.3 To develop and maintain systems to plan, manage and monitor the delivery of health assessments for children and young people in care, including adoption;

3.1.4 To ensure the health and emotional wellbeing needs of children and young people in care are being met;

3.1.5 Maintain processes to ensure that children placed out of county have systems in place to provide continuity of the health assessment and planning process; so that they are not disadvantaged, ensure children placed in Dorset have access to have advice and assessments when requested;

3.1.6 Design implement and maintain systems to audit the quality and implementation of individual health plans developed for children and young people, informing their overall care plan;

3.1.7 To maintain regular evaluation and audit of trends and quality outcomes measures against local and national targets for LAC throughout the year culminating in an annual service review report and service delivery plan;

3.1.8 Ensure that expert health advice for looked after children, including on issues of confidentiality, consent and information sharing, is available to colleagues in health and other related services. Implement and contribute to multiagency training on the health needs of children in care;

3.1.9 Collate the monthly production and collection of data sets in line with statutory and contractual requirements;

3.1.10 Ensure all employed professionals delivering services to Looked After Children meet the competency requirements set out in the Intercollegiate Role framework.

3.1.11 Ensure all staff have access to appropriate training, development and supervision to enable them to fulfil their roles and responsibilities for Looked After Children in meeting statutory requirements.

3.2 Service description/care pathway

The service delivers the specialist health component of the pan Dorset LAC services, that co-ordinates and develops health services which are equitable and easily accessible. Provides training for local authorities, independent agencies professionals, foster carers, parents/relatives and prospective adopters, covering growth and development and the health

and emotional well-being needs of children in care, especially in relation to how the health needs for these children differ from their peers not in the care system.

3.3 Population Covered

Dorset Resident Population.

3.4 Any acceptance and exclusion criteria.

Maintain implementation of contractual arrangements for all service users placed out of County, and for Looked After Children placed in Dorset by other Authorities.

3.5 Interdependence with other services/providers

The Specialist Health Service will work closely with the wider health and multidisciplinary Looked After Children's, Fostering, Adoption and Education Services in each Local Authority across Dorset. In addition Police, Youth, Probation and Voluntary services where appropriate.

4. Applicable Service Standards

4.1 Applicable national standards (eg NICE)

All Prevailing statutory and national guidance for Looked After Children.

4.2 Applicable standards set out in Guidance and/or issued by a competent body (eg Royal Colleges)

Health assessments will be recorded using the latest version the British Adoption and Fostering Association (BAAF) licence and access provided by the local authority

4.3 Applicable local standards

Ensure systems are in place to record, review and analysing data in evidencing local standards are being met as outlined in Schedule 4 Part C.

5. Applicable quality requirements and CQUIN goals

5.1 Applicable quality requirements (See Schedule 4 Parts A-D)

Requirement to evidence local standards are being met and improved health outcomes for Looked After Children are being achieved as outlined in Schedule 4 Part C.

5.2 Applicable CQUIN goals (See Schedule 4 Part E)

N/A

6. Location of Provider Premises

The Provider's Premises are located at:

The Specialist Health Service for Looked After Children and Young People requires flexibility to be able to deliver in various locations across Dorset which includes Health, Social Care. The child or young person's placement and or local community settings.

7. Individual Service User Placement