

Health Notifications and Access to Services Policy

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Regulations and Standards:

The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015:

- Regulation 10 - Health & wellbeing standard
- Regulation 23 - Medicines

Relevant Policies:

'First Aid, Home Remedies and Medication Policy'

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1. Notifications and Registrations:

When a child is placed with HND Children's Care LTD, the social worker must arrange for the Health Authority, in the area where a child is placed, to be notified of the placement.

The manager of the home should arrange for the following:

- For the child to be allocated with a keyworker who will be responsible for promoting his / her health and educational achievement, liaising with key professionals, including the Clinical Nurse Specialist, the child's GP, and dental practitioner, for the full duration of placement. The keyworker will also be responsible for ensuring that up to date information



is kept on the child in relation to his / her health needs, development, illnesses, operations, immunisations, allergies, medications, administered, dates of appointments with GP's and specialists.

- For the child to be registered with a GP within 7 days
- For the child to have access to a Dentist in the home's locality; they must be on waiting list at least within 7 days.
- For the child to be registered with an Optician in the home's locality within 7 days and have an eye test arranged at the earliest convenience.
- For a Health Care Assessment to be carried out in relation to the child each year as a minimum.
- A full report notifying the social work of all details relating to health registrations and appointments within 8 days of admission.
- Additionally, the child's health records should be updated.

2. Access to Health and Specialist Services:

The home's manager must ensure the home has good links with health agencies, is well informed about local health services such as CAMHS and sexual health services in the area it covers and takes this into account when deciding on admissions.

If a child's needs are such that specialist health care is required e.g., children with a disability or visual impairment, the home's manager must ensure that local specialist services are secured, in conjunction with the Social Worker and relevant healthcare professionals from the placing authority.

If there are any serious concerns about the emotional or mental health of a child, the home's manager must alert the Social Worker and seek a review of the Child's placement and / or request an assessment under the Mental Health Act 1983.

Any strategies / services that are provided, must be outlined in the Child's Placement Plan / Health Care Plan.

3. Appointments:

If children appear to require or request it, appointments should be made for them to see their GP or other medical practitioners as appropriate.

When appointments are made, account should be taken of the child's wishes, for example, to see a practitioner of a preferred gender. Also, appointments should preferably be made which do not disrupt the child's education where possible.

Parents, or those with Parental Responsibility and the child's social worker should, if possible, be consulted before making appointments; and they should be informed of the outcome.



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