

Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 28 March 2012

Title: Islington Safeguarding and Looked after Children Inspection

Executive Summary: This report provides the Trust Board with a summary of key health issues arising from the inspection of Islington Safeguarding and Looked After Children (SLAC) Services. The SLAC inspection carried out under the Children Act 2004 took place between 23rd January and 3rd February and published on 9th March 2012. The inspection team consisted of four of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) and one inspector from the Care Quality Commission.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the contribution made by relevant services in the local area towards ensuring that children and young people are properly safeguarded and to determine the quality of service provision for looked after children and care leavers.

The inspection evaluated the following evidence:

- discussions with children and young people front line staff and managers, senior officers, Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board, elected members and a range of community representatives
- analysing and evaluating reports from a variety of sources including a review of the Children and Young People's Plan, performance data, information from the inspection of local settings, such as schools and day care provision and the evaluations of serious case reviews
- a review of 69 case files for children and young people with a range of need providing a view of services and quality of reporting, recording and decision making
- the outcomes of the most recent annual unannounced inspection of local authority contact, referral and assessment services
- interviews and focus groups with front line professionals, managers and senior staff from NHS Islington, Whittington Health, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust

There was a very positive outcome to the inspection. The full report is attached and, as can be seen from page 41 of the report, there are 22 separate judgements. Islington was judged as outstanding in 8 and good in 14 of the judgements.

A number of the outstanding judgements are worth highlighting, these relate to Partnership Working; Ambition and Prioritisation; Leadership and Management and Capacity for Improvement.

Health services contribute to all judgements. Two that relate specifically to health were both judged as being **good**. The first is **the contribution of health agencies to keeping children safe** and is detailed in paragraphs 46-54. The particular areas of strength identified in relation to safeguarding are:

- the contribution of the designated doctor (Dr Tony Wheeler) and nurse (Jane Chpaman)



- the effective liaison between acute services and safeguarding services
- the good range of specialist provision particularly CAMHS and Family Nurse Partnership

The particular areas identified for development in relation to safeguarding are:

- GP contribution to child protection conferences
- the percentage of GPs having undertaken child protection training

The second is **the health of looked after children** and is detailed in paragraphs 88-92. The particular areas of strength identified are:

- the good health outcomes of looked after children
- the high completion rate of health assessments and immunisations
- the health support ensured for children placed out of Islington

The only area identified for development in relation to looked after children is:

- evidence of annual weight checks recorded for looked after children.

A separate letter reporting key findings will be issued by the Care Quality Commission to the PCT.

Action: The Board is recommended to consider and note the inspection outcomes

Report from: Maggie Buckell
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Sponsor: Bronagh Scott
Director of Nursing & Patient Experience

Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	Name of finance officer
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Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	Reference:
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Compliance with Care Quality Commission Standards Lead: Executive Director of Nursing & Patient Experience	Reference: The essential standards of quality and safety with specific reference to <i>Outcome 7: Safeguarding people who use services from abuse</i>
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Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE) Lead: Director of Finance	Reference:
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Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime Lead: All directors	Compliance framework reference:
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