

Multi-Agency Pathway / Multi-Agency Touchpoints

Appendix 1

Child with long-term chronic health needs identified as requiring “additional child safeguards”

Strategy Discussion

Considerations for this cohort of children:

- Effective information gathering of the health status of the child – [Strategy Discussion Health Report](#), submitted by LPT Safeguarding Team on behalf of Health
- Request Child Protection Medical, when Section 47 enquiries are being undertaken
- Request Health Treatment Plan, taking account of parents'/carers' needs in relation to their ability to manage a child's health needs and how any gaps are supported
- Review the need for taking formal legal advice to reduce serious health impact on the child in line with Local Authority procedures

Child Protection Conference

Considerations for this cohort of children:

- Health care needs, including Health Treatment Plan, fully recognised and understood as part of the multi-agency Child Protection Plan – Health professional report for child(ren) with long-term health conditions, within the [Agency Report for Child Protection Conference](#), and [Health needs checklist for Child Protection Conference and Core Groups](#), completed by Chair
- Family members and all agencies, including schools / colleges / early years settings, clear about their role and responsibilities in the plan and in keeping the child/young person safe specifically related to their health needs
- Request Child Protection Medical as an 'additional safeguard' or, where it is felt that a Child Protection Medical is not warranted, a medical health history about the child's complex health condition and its progress

Core Group

Considerations for this cohort of children:

- Effective monitoring of the child's health and development within the context of the Health Treatment Plan as part of the Child Protection Plan, including when and how to escalate medical and safeguarding concerns – [Health needs checklist for Child Protection Conference and Core Groups](#), completed by Chair
- Review the impact of the plan and confirm that it is robustly meeting the child's health needs
- Ensure that all relevant agencies in the core group, including the child's school / college / early years setting, have a copy of the child's treatment plan, which is up to date, and roles and responsibilities are being delivered

Discharge Planning Meeting

Discharge planning meeting to be considered for this cohort of children when required:

- Invite as necessary representatives from core group, including the Police as required; parents / network who are contributing to the Health Treatment Plan or Child Protection Plan; key health representatives managing the discharge
- Share information and evaluate the impact of the concerns linked to admission to hospital in the context of the child's wider health needs and child protection concerns
- Make any necessary immediate updates to the Child Protection Plan and associated Health Treatment Plan to facilitate discharge
- Consider immediate changes to roles and responsibilities and additional supports needed at the point of discharge

Always consider if urgent escalation of health or safeguarding need is required – do not wait for a meeting to do this
Inform the Key Social Worker of any deterioration in the child's health presentation – do not wait for a meeting to do this