Multi-Agency Pathway / Multi-Agency Touchpoints

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 – <u>Strategy</u> <u>Discussion Health Report</u>, 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 Child
 Protection Conference Health
 Report, submitted by GP and/or
 Paediatrician, 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

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

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

Always consider if urgent escalation of health or safeguarding need is required – <u>do not wait for a meeting to do this</u>

Inform the Key Social Worker of any deterioration in the child's health presentation – <u>do not wait for a meeting to do this</u>