

## **Children's Social Care**

### **CP – IS**

Dear Colleagues.

Most of you will already be aware of the Child Protection Information Sharing system which is commonly known as CP-IS. This is a national initiative which will improve information sharing between Children's Social Care and secondary health services.

The system will allow health staff to know if a child/young person presenting at a secondary health care setting is:

- subject to a Child Protection Plan;
- is a looked after child;
- is the mother of an unborn child; which is subject to a protection plan
- **OR**
- has been any of the above in the previous 365 days

The system will then inform us through the Liquid Logic Children's System (LCS) when anyone of the above has accessed a secondary health care setting (throughout England). It will give the time, date, and organisation plus the name of the member of staff.

This will not change any existing safeguarding procedures already in place within NYCC or NHS, but will provide staff with an additional layer of information, and show any patterns which may be of concern.

The system uses the child/young person's or mother of an unborn which is subject to a CP Plan's NHS number to match the information between systems. It is therefore imperative that all live CP and LAC records have an NHS number recorded within their LCS case record. For those mothers of unborn children who are subject to a CP Plan you will also need to set up the relationships of the mother and unborn as Main Carer.

We are continuing to capture all NHS numbers through various avenues and we will need to continue with this approach in order to gather the majority of the required NHS numbers and ensure they are recorded within LCS. It is still important, that moving forward, we continue to gather this information at the beginning of our involvement with a family.

North Yorkshire Children's Social Care went live on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 but as we were an early adopter of the project, we have not seen many notifications coming through. This will change as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 as our Health Colleagues from the Harrogate & District Health Trust are going 'Live' with their implementation of the system. This will mean that Children & Families social workers will possibly see an increase in the number of notifications when children and their families present at a health setting. We will continue to monitor the progress of this and updates will be provided as required as CP-IS becomes more active.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Skaife on 01609536455 or email on [Christine.skaife@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.skaife@northyorks.gov.uk)

Alternatively you can check out the following NHS Digital web link which gives you an overview of which Local Authorities and NHS settings have implemented the CP-IS system – <https://digital.nhs.uk/child-protection-information-sharing>