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Nottinghamshire (including City) Looked After Children placed Out of Area

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Social workers must notify the relevant ICB, in accordance with statutory guidance (DH, 2015) when a child is placed out of authority and ensure the statutory health assessment is undertaken (HM Gov, 2010).

When a CIC or child leaving care is moved out of a ICB area, arrangements should be made through discussion between the “originating ICB”, those currently providing healthcare and new providers to ensure continuity of healthcare. ICBs should ensure that any changes in the healthcare provider do not disrupt the objective of providing high quality, timely care. The needs of the child should be the first consideration.

The Department of Health, with NHS England, Monitor, the Royal Colleges and other partners, has developed a mandatory national currency and tariff for statutory health assessments for looked-after children placed out of area. Details are set out in the current National Tariff Payment System.

This pathway assures a robust process is in place when the local authority places a LAC out of area.

For those CIC placed out of area but locally enough for commissioned health providers to undertake the HA the need for an external provider is not applicable. The QA process of these HAs will be managed internally as with any other CIC HA.

Definitions and Abbreviations

Definition	
Originating Authority	The local authority where the child/young person resides when they become looked after. They retain the responsibility.
Receiving Authority	The local authority where the child/young person is placed.
Originating ICB	The ICB where the child/young person resides when they become looked after. This is decided by the registered GP on becoming looked after. This ICB will remain responsible throughout the time spent in care despite where the placements are.
Receiving ICB	The ICB where the child/young person is placed. This is decided by the GP registered with on new placement.
Originating Health Provider	The health provider organisation arranging the health assessment
Receiving Health Provider	The health provider organisation undertaking the health assessment

Abbreviation	
ICB	Integrated Care Board
CIC	Child in Care
DBTH	Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital
D/C	Discharge
DD	Designated Doctor CIC
HA	Health Assessment
IHA	Initial Health Assessment
LA	Local Authority
LAC	Looked After Child
MFF	Market Forces Factor
NHCT	Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
NHSE	NHS England
NUH	Nottingham University Hospitals Trust
OICB	Originating ICB
ODD	Originating Designated Doctor CIC
ODN	Originating Designated Nurse CIC
OLA	Originating Local Authority
OOA	Out of Area
OHP	Originating Health Provider
QA	Quality Assurance
RICB	Receiving ICB
RDN	Receiving Designated Nurse CIC
RHA	Review Health Assessment
RHP	Receiving Health Provider
SFHFT	Sherwood Forest Hospital Foundation Trust
WNB	Was not brought (previously know as DNA)

Nottinghamshire / Nottingham City Looked After Child (LAC) / Young Person is placed Out of Area (OOA) management of health assessments

Within 5 working days OLA informs using the East Midlands guidance template: 1) RICB via relevant RDN (see Appendix 1); 2) OICB via ODN; – nnicb-nn.nottinghamcityandcountylac@nhs.net (Bassetlaw, mid, south county and city) 3) OHP Bassetlaw - bassetlawcic@nottshc.nhs.uk, County - nottscic@nottshc.nhs.uk and city - nottinghamcic@nottshc.nhs.uk (nursing team) 4) GP Note: OLA to ensure registration with a new GP is completed as a matter of urgency as this will affect timely sharing of health records, meeting the needs of the child and the quality of subsequent health assessments undertaken.



If concerns that CYP placed OOA are not having their health needs met – escalation to originating Designated Nurse CIC, followed by liaison with Provider/local authority/Des Dr CIC and discussion with ICB Safeguarding leads

Appendix 1

NHS England national database of designated and provider LAC contacts – provided separately by the ODN with updates when given by NHS England.

Appendix 2

Health provider	Previous CCG areas covered
NUH (Nottingham University Hospitals)	Nottingham City CCG – part of Greater Notts Partnership. Rushcliffe CCG – part of Greater Notts Partnership. Nottingham West CCG – part of Greater Notts Partnership. Nottingham NE CCG – part of Greater Notts Partnership.
SFHFT (Sherwood Forest Hospital Foundation Trust)	Mansfield & Ashfield CCG – part of mid Notts. Newark and Sherwood CCG – part of mid Notts.
DBTH (Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital)	Bassetlaw CCG
NHCT (Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust)	All the above CCGs

Appendix 3

OHP sends request for health assessment with explicit direction around use of identifier (including on invoice) and payment. This will include a request for communication from RHP with OLA and OP if WNB / cancellations or refusals. If HA declined OHP to follow the locally agreed decliner pathway. A request will be made for the RHP to share the report with the GP and social worker (as well as OHP).

Appendix 4

If it is identified that if the charge differs from the National Tariff (including MFF) OHP to liaise with ODN who will escalate to receiving ICB via RDN. This is in advance of agreeing to paying for the assessment.

Appendix 5

If concerns are raised about the timeliness of a health assessment, WNB or refusal this is to be escalated by the OHP to the originating DD/DN for escalation.

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