Top Tips for Looked After Children

- 1. Act as advocates for the health of each looked after child/ young person and care leaver.
- 2. Accept the child/ young person as a registered patient of the practice and seek the urgent transfer of the medical records from the previous practice.
- 3. Make sure there is timely, sensitive access to a general practitioner or other appropriate health professional when a looked after child/young person or care leaver requires a consultation.
- 4. Make sure referrals made to specialist services are timely, taking into account the needs and high mobility of many looked after children/young people and care leavers.
- Make sure that the clinical records mark the 'looked after' or 'care leaver' status of the child/young person clear so that their particular needs can be acknowledged.
- 6. Include looked after children documentation (health assessments, notifications etc) within the GP held record and contribute to any necessary action within the health plan
- 7. **DO NOT** change the name of a looked after child until the legal adoption order has been granted
- 8. Contact the child/young person's allocated social worker or allocated health practitioner when a concern arises

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A Looked after Child's Journey

Child/Young Person Becomes Looked After Social Care send notification (on blue paper) to GP practices informing of child/young person becoming Initial Health Assessment undertaken by a paediatrician within 20 working days of child/young person becoming looked after Copy of Initial Health Assessment and health recommendations forwarded to GP practices by the looked after children's health team within 4 weeks of assessment being completed Multi-agency statutory review undertaken within 20 working days of the child/young person becoming looked after. Subsequent reviews held at 3 monthly then 6 monthly intervals Review Health Assessment completed by health visitor or school nurse. Six monthly for under 5 years and annually for over 5 years. Copy of Review Health Assessment and health recommendations forwarded to GP practices by the looked after children's health team within 4 weeks of assessment being completed Social Care send notification (on blue paper) to GP practices informing of child/young person transferring placement, ceasing to become looked after due to adoption or care leaver

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