

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.
5. 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

