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Subject: Chief Executives CEL 16 (2009) Implementation of Action 15 of the Looked after Children and Young People: We can and must do better report

Recommendation: For Child Protection Committee to note Action Plan in place for Implementation of Action 15 of the Looked after Children and Young People: We can and must do better report

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RECOMMENDATION	CURRENT POSITION	ACTIONS REQUIRED	LEAD	Timescale
<p>Action One - Each Territorial Health Board should nominate a Board Director who will take a corporate responsibility for Looked After children and young people and care leavers by 30 June 2009. Health Boards should let Child and Maternal Health Division know the name of the Director as soon as possible after that date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandy Yule is the nominated Health Board Director 	<p>Letter sent to Child and Maternal Health Division advising nomination of Board Director – Action complete</p>	<p>Joanne Sharp</p>	<p>Complete (Green)</p>
<p>Action Two -The Director will be responsible for ensuring that Health Boards fulfil their statutory duties under the Looked After Children Regulations 1996*. This will enable the Board, on the basis of information from local authority partners, to identify all Looked After children and young people and care leavers in their areas by 31 July 2009, including those who are Looked After at home and those placed from outwith their Health Board areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on Looked After and Accommodated Children provided each month to LAAC Team 	<p>Maureen Bell receives information on all Looked After, Looked After and Accommodated Children and Care Leavers in Ayrshire – ongoing</p>	<p>Maureen Bell</p>	<p>Complete (Green)</p>
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<p>Action Three - The Director will ensure that the Board offers every currently Looked After child and young person in their area a health assessment by</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 1,300 Looked After Children 	<p>Angela Cunningham to convene a meeting to review IAF paperwork with a view to identifying what is required to meet health needs assessment.</p>	<p>Angela Cunningham/Mark Fleming</p>	<p>November 2009 (Green)</p>

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April 2010.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Government developing Template for Health Needs Assessment 	In progress?		December 2009 (Green)
Action Four - Any new child or young person coming into the system from March 2010 should have a health assessment within 4 weeks of notification to the Health Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently can be 6 weeks for Health Assessment for Look After and Accommodated Children (due to sourcing information) 	Scope current position and identify actions required to meet target. Guideline to be developed to identify Health Care Professional who will undertake a Health Needs Assessment.	Angela Cunningham/Donna McKee/Maureen Bell	December 2009 (Green)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FACE System roll out – child health record with central point of information will provide rapid access to information 	FACE system ready – refine reporting systems for rapid access. Involve Local Authority to refine reporting systems.	Angela Cunningham/Donna McKee/Maureen Bell	December 2009 (Green)
Action Five - The Director will ensure that the Board offers a mental health assessment to every Looked After child or young person. This recommendation should be phased in line with the implementation of “Mental Health of Children and Young People Framework for Promotion Prevention and Care“(FPPC) by 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health of Children and Competency Framework CAMHS 	Andrew Smith liaising with John Collation regarding Mental Health Assessment. Link with Angela Cunningham’s group to scope and add triggers for referrals to Mental Health within paperwork.	Andrew Smith/Clare Armstrong	December 2009 (Green)

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<p>Action Six - The Director will ensure that for every Looked After child or young person who has general and mental health needs identified as part of their health assessment, the person undertaking that health assessment takes responsibility for ensuring their care plan is delivered/co-ordinated as appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping exercise appropriate professional and capacity issues • LAAC – • School Nursing – Term Time – Go live on FACE March 2010 	<p>Maureen Bell scoping current position. Link developing guideline with Action 4 – include LAAC and School Nursing, Child Protection, Age appropriateness School Nursing to be registered on FACE – ongoing CAMHS to link with IAF to identify robust trigger system – link with Action Four.</p>	<p>Angela Cunningham/Donna McKee/Maureen Bell/Andrew Smith</p>	<p>March 2010 (Green)</p>
<p>The Director will ensure, using existing systems, that the performance of the Board in carrying out general and mental health assessments for Looked After children and young people, and the health outcomes of those assessments, is reported annually to the Scottish Government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FACE System – further discussion with IT – Maureen Bell to update 	<p>Roseann Neill lead on developing an Annual Performance Report.</p>	<p>Roseann Neill</p>	<p>March 2010 (Green)</p>