

Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers Children UASC

Health Offer

All Asylum Seeking children and young people aged under 16 will be accommodated with Foster Carers. Young People ages 16 and over are likely to be accommodated within Independent living settings. Where there is uncertainty about the age of an asylum seeking child, Age Assessments will be carried out by the Local Authorities.

Health Services for UASC will be provided by the following Health Providers.

Poole Hospital Trust (PGH)

All children and young people will be seen for an Initial Health Assessment (IHA) within 20 days by the LAC Medical Advisors. This will be a 2 hour appointment to allow for any complexity and an interpreter will be provided by the LA. At this appointment the Medical Advisor will make onward referrals for all UCAS for:

- Blood Born Viruses Screening
- Dental Health Assessment
- Ophthalmic Health Screening
- Full childhood disease immunisations.

Other services which made be required as necessary may include:

- Paediatric Dermatologist Assessment
- Orthopaedics Assessment
- Cardiologist Assessment
- Obstetric & Gynaecologist Assessment
- Sexual Health Screening / Assessment

SARC

All acute assault cases are seen within 7 days, preferably 48 hours at the SARC and examined by Forensic expert along with Paediatrician (trained in sexual assault). Paediatricians attend all cases under the age of 16 years. For 16 and 17 year olds (up to 18 years), the Forensic expert should discuss the case with Paediatrician to check safeguarding, CSE, general health and mental health and make relevant referrals.

Medical Advisor to consider in consultation with the Designated Doctor for LAC, referral to SARC for UASC who report sexual assault outside the forensic time scale. This will access a paediatric non forensic assessment, to determine possible genitalia trauma or possible FGM. Referral will also allow specialist support to be accessed for psychological trauma to be accessed.

Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospital Trust (RBCH)

Sexual Health Services

Although this is a self-referral service it has been agreed that for UASC the referral to GUM for young people who are sexual active or symptomatic will come via the Medical Advisors at the IHA. The Medical Advisor will telephone GUM to make a referral and will follow this up in writing.

Bournemouth Sexual Health Department

Health Advisors: 01202 704646/4536 and this has an answerphone

This referral will include:

- Full STI Screening
- HIV
- Blood Born Viruses
- Scabies/Lice/contact Dermatitis
- Pregnancy Testing

Test results can be accessed by telephone but will be sent back to Medical Advisors and LAC Nurses with a copy being sent to the Social Worker where consent has been given, and also to the child.

Follow up will be arranged with the child or young person along with social worker and LAC Nurse.

Sexual Assault Services

For young people who have experience sexual assault, a referral should always be made to the SARC.

Telephone: (01202) 552056

Email: info@the-shores.org.uk

All UASC children and young people aged up to 18 should be examination by a paediatrician.

Follow up sexual health screen can be offered at the SARC or at RBCH

Maternity Services

Any young person who is pregnant should be referred to the Sunshine vulnerable women's service who will liaise with the LAC nurses.

01202 646641 – and this has an answerphone

Termination of pregnancies will be referred onto the Single Point of Access service:

0300 456 2217

Ophthalmic and Eye Trauma

Any general ophthalmic problems identified at the IHA will be referred by the Medical Advisor in writing to Ophthalmology, Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Castle Lane East, BH7 7DW.

Any eye trauma or other urgent conditions identified will be referred by the Medical Advisor through to the Acute Referral Centre (ARC) by telephone

Triage Desk: 01202 704181

Results should be sent back to Medical Advisor and GP

TB Services

Children suspected of having TB will need referral to the East Dorset TB service based at Royal Bournemouth Hospital who will complete the screening and also ensure appropriate vaccinations occur in a timely fashion with other inoculations. Patients under the age of sixteen who require admission will require to have this under the paediatrician at Poole; children in the 16-17 age bracket will need to be admitted under the protocol between the 2 Trusts; explain to child and family that they can be admitted to an adult ward but make them aware that we do not have paediatrician cover on site.

To refer into the service please ring the East Dorset TB service on 01202 704560 or 01202 704570

At Dorchester Hospitals there is a Respiratory Nurse Specialist who will assist with TB screening but no actual service.

Dorset HealthCare Trust (DHCT)

Sexual Health Services

For Non Symptomatic children and young people a referral will be made by the Medical Advisor at the IHA via

Telephone: 01202 646383

The service will aim to see the child or young person within 48hrs and will offer 2hrs appointments.

Where assessed as appropriate, Young people can be referred into the vulnerable young people's group.

Test results will be sent back to Medical Advisors and LAC Nurses with a copy being sent to the Social Worker where consent has been given, and to the Child.

Follow up will be arranged with the child or young person along with social worker and LAC nurse

CAMHS

CAMHS works across Dorset in six teams (Bournemouth & Christchurch; Poole; East Dorset; North Dorset; Weymouth and West Dorset). The single point of contact for CAMHS for the referrals will be the Poole CAMHS Team.

Contact details:

Poole CAMHS Team
Poole Community Health Clinic
Shaftesbury Road
Poole
Dorset BH15 2NT

Telephone contact: 01202 584600

e-mail: karen.anne.bruce@dhuft.nhs.uk

Point of contact: Karen-Anne Bruce (Project/Admin Manager) Natasha Deeney (Team Lead)

Upon receipt, the referral will be screened for urgency and an appointment arranged in line with standard CAMHS access times. Where there is an identified mental health issue the relevant CAMHS team will offer the most appropriate evidence based intervention.

Dorset County Hospital Trust (DCHT)

Paediatric services

Referrals are accepted for West Dorset residents aged 0-17 years inclusive who require a paediatric opinion or assessment for a health or developmental condition. This includes access to the children's therapy and surgical services if indicated following the IHA by the Poole team.

Most paediatric clinics are held at DCH but there are some clinics held at Blandford, Weymouth and Bridport community hospitals which may be suitable in some cases depending on the reason for the referral.

A variety of specialist paediatric clinics are held at DCH including some with visiting specialists from University Hospital Southampton. Referrals to these clinics are made by the paediatricians if appropriate.

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The Park Centre for Sexual Health

Tel 01305 762 681 / 682

Fax 01305 762 695

This service will include:

- Testing for and treatment of STIs
- Management of thrush and other genital problems
- Testing for HIV and hepatitis B and C
- Post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV
- Management of HIV infection
- Pregnancy testing and advice
- Emergency hormone contraception
- Contraception, with the exception of IUDs

STI test results are usually texted to the child, but, with consent, can be sent back to Medical Advisors and LAC Nurses with a copy being sent to the Social Worker and to the child.

Where required, follow up will be arranged with the child or young person along with the social worker and LAC Nurse.

Sexual Assault Services

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Email: info@the-shores.org.uk

All UASC children and young people aged up to 18 should be examined by a paediatrician.

Follow up sexual health screen can be offered at the SARC or at DCHFT by Dr. Doherty or Dr. Mancais e.g. STI screening in children under the age of 13 years.

Maternity

Referral to midwifery can be made by urgent phone call to

01305 253384

or to the Head of Midwifery on 01305 254208.

Any young person found to be pregnant would be referred by her midwife to the Safeguarding Midwife using the Primary Care Liaison Form – a copy of which is also sent to the GP and health visitor. The referral will trigger a plan of care overseen by the Safeguarding Midwife. She will also liaise with the Child Protection Office and, if required, the Neonatal Unit. Care will be provided by the named midwife and support provided by the Safeguarding Lead. Following the birth, postnatal care can continue for up to 28 days.

Young people requiring termination of pregnancy will be referred onto the Single Point of Access service run by BPAS and Marie Stopes.

Telephone: 0300 456 2217

Ophthalmic and Eye trauma

Any general ophthalmic problems identified at the IHA in a young person residing in West Dorset will be referred by the Medical Advisor in writing to Ophthalmology, Royal Eye Infirmary, Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2JY.

Any eye trauma or other urgent conditions identified will be referred by the Medical Advisor through to the Acute Referral Centre (ARC) by telephone:

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Community Dental Services

Referrals for the Specialist Community Dental Service can be made by telephone East Dorset Canford Heath Community Dental Clinic 01202 691520 Ex 25; Tamsin Hearle (working days Tues/Weds/Thurs.) or the 2 senior dental nurses at each site, Jade Russell. West Dorset Community Dental Clinic 01305255720 Debbie Chandler to give verbal details of the child or young person's name, address, date of birth and oral health status

A telephone call to one of our 2 clinics is acceptable as a “heads up” but written referral is required to trigger the referral pathway. The referral will need to be clear identifying Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children so they can be seen more quickly.

The UASC nationality and language spoke should be included in the referral to support the child through Trust translation services as appropriate at the time.

General Practice

The Medical Advisor will refer children and young people to their registered GP for full childhood disease UK immunisation programme. All Dorset GP Practices have received GP UASC Guidance notes and will be supported by the Named Safeguarding GP Dr Sam Abdollahain or the Designated Nurse for Lac Penny Earney.

Prevent

Any concerns in relation to radicalisation should be referred direct to the Safeguarding Referral Unit (SRU) Dorset police. Via the Prevent Multiagency Referral form in Appendix A.

Appendix A.

PREVENT NOTIFICATION TO SAFEGUARDING REFERRAL UNIT

Surname Forename(s) Gender

Address Telephone

DOB Ethnic appearance Religion Person no

Current school GP (name/practice)

Previous address Child On Protection Plan YES / NO

FULL NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS

Mother DOB Address

Father DOB Address

Sibling DOB Sibling DOB

Sibling DOB Sibling DOB

List **any other persons**
resident at home DOB Relationship to family

GP Name/Practice Email Date

Details of Referral (include details of concerns, statements made etc):

PLEASE EMAIL TO

SRU@dorset.pnn.police.uk

AND

Dorsetprevent@dorset.pnn.police.uk

AND

prevent.in-box@nhs.net

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Appendix B

