**Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) Assessment**

**Quality Assurance Health Advice**

Quality Standards for Statutory Health Advice for EHC needs Assessment

Health have a significant part to play in identifying and meeting the health needs of children and young people with SEND who are undergoing a statutory EHC needs assessment. Having high quality information submitted in a timely way will help to improve the outcomes for children and young people with SEND and result in an EHC plan which is fit for purpose.

The quality standards have been outlined to consider ways to measure their progress through bi-annual audits using the audit tool attached.

**Standard**

1. Requests for new up to date health advice that will contribute to the children and/or young person’s statutory needs assessment will be completed and returned to the Local Authority within 6 weeks to support any EHC plans being completed within the 20 week timeframe.
2. It is clearly evident in the health advice and documents submitted what views, wishes and feelings have been obtained directly from the children/young person, the parents/carers and any other professionals to demonstrate their involvement.
3. Health and care needs in relation to the child or young person’s Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities that results in the child having SEN is clearly identified in the health advice reports submitted.
4. Health care provision to meet the identified health needs in relation to the child or young person’s learning difficulty and/or disabilities resulting in SEN clearly identifies a treatment plan, frequency, duration and who will be delivering the plan.
5. The desired outcomes predicted or expected to be achieved for the child or young person that has a learning difficulty or disability which result in having a SEN from the provision is clearly identified and show measures to review progress and/or change.

To progress having regular biannual audits of health advice, it is proposed that for the first 2 weeks of May and the first 2 weeks of October all health advice submitted will be provided to the Designated Clinical Officer from either the local authority and/or the health providers. The CYP team with the DCO will coordinate an audit session with key health providers and where possible include the Locality Inclusions teams. It would be expected that where health advice for the child & young person has been provided and an EHCP is in progress that these final plans will be audited in the multiagency setting at an agreed date with the LA.

A good Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is as good as the assessment of needs and advice given. The following process is used by the health system to ensure that there is an improvement in the standard of health advice provided to the LA when undertaking an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment. A checklist in appendix one has been produced to use as the template to quality assure the advice.

1. Clinician writes advice. Check against the quality assurance checklist.

2. Manager would oversee a dip sample of advice using checklist

3. Bi-annual dip sample audit with providers and support from Designated Clinical Officer

4. Multi-agency audit to look at advice and plans system wide with the local authority. This would include the Designated Clinical Officer and where possible clinical staff to be included.

5. Outcomes and findings to be shared; directly with teams agree any changes, actions and recommendations implemented. Discussed at clinical network, meetings with the LA teams to agree actions and improvement

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| **Subject and standard statement** |  | | | **Comments** |
| Date health information and advice requested |  | | |  |
| Date health information and advice returned |  | | |  |
| **Please tick** | **Yes** | **No** | **Partly** | **Comments** |
| Health information and advice returned within 6 weeks of request |  |  |  |  |
| The request for information and advice from the LA included aspirations from child/ or young person. |  |  |  |  |
| The request for information and advice from the LA included aspirations from Parents/carers. |  |  |  |  |
| Health information and advice submitted clearly demonstrates that the views, wishes and feelings of the child or young person has been sought and considered. |  |  |  |  |

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| Health information and advice submitted clearly shows that the views, wishes and feelings of the  Parent and/or carers has been sought and considered. |  |  |  |  |
| Health information and advice submitted clearly shows where other professional views have been sought. |  |  |  |  |
| Diagnosis and medical information is present |  |  |  |  |
| Health ***needs*** relating to the child or young SEND and what impact this would have in accessing their education is clearly identified. |  |  |  |  |
| Health ***provision*** relating to the child or young person’s SEND and what is required to support them in meeting their needs to access their education is clearly identified. |  |  |  |  |
| Health ***Provision*** required to meet the childs SEND needs states if the service is able to provide this in core commissioned health service or clearly indicates additional resource is needed above the service available and what action has been taken |  |  |  |  |
| The desired or predicted ***outcomes*** from the provision being provided is clearly outlined in the report |  |  |  |  |
| The advice includes measures in place to monitor progress and/or change in need and provision |  |  |  |  |

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| **Person completing Quality assurance tool please tick** | **Author of Advice:**  **Manager of Advice writer:**  **Other Please specify:** |
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