

Guidance Re Quality Assuring UASC IHA Work

Aims

The aims of the IHA for UASCs is to provide an holistic assessment of their health needs which will:

- Identify individual unmet health needs and develop a plan of intervention/referral to address these needs
- Promote the health and wellbeing of the child/young person
- Address the health inequalities for the UASC
- Inform agencies who have a corporate parenting responsibility of the health needs of UASC
- Facilitate effective multi-agency planning for UASCs
- Provide data on health needs of UASC
- Fulfil the Statutory requirements for health assessments for LAC

The QA process aims to ensure that the medical itself has been completed to a standard that ensures that a thorough assessment of the YP's health needs has been made and that the report and health care plan produced is accurate and contains enough information to meet the aims above.

PROCESS

The checked IHA is sent from admin via secure email to the Quality Assessor with any referral letters that have been written. After QA the Quality Assessor should add a QA stamp ("This report has been quality assured by" and then signature, title and qualifications). The completed QA tool, amended IHA and any letters are then returned to the assessing clinician with a copy to admin who will then accept tracked changes and distribute the report. If there are any queries about this the Quality Assessor will indicate that he/she needs confirmation from the assessing clinician that they are in agreement for distribution. The QA tool will be saved by admin alongside the IHAs on the network.

When clinicians are commencing this work, they need to have 10 consecutive IHAs quality assured. After this every 10th IHA should be checked unless there are concerns, in which case a more frequent QA process should be agreed between the quality assessor and clinician.

QA TOOL

The IHA report and health care plan should be audited using the QA tool - attached. Any incomplete assessments should be returned to the assessing clinician to be completed. Small amendments can be made with tracked changes by the Quality Assessor.

FEEDBACK

The quality assessor should give feedback on the IHA tool.

The quality assessor also needs to fill in the DRs QA record form – attached.

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