

Looked After Children 0-16 Team

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Opening Times: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday – Thursday
9.00 am – 4.30 pm Friday

Service aims:

The team provides a Social Care Service to Looked after Children aged 0 – 16 years. They provide support to children and young people in care in the form of direct work with children, assessment work, Court work, arranging contact between the children and their birth families, arranging help with hobbies, and routine needs such as getting passports, going on school trips and providing support to carers.

Each child will have a care plan that is regularly reviewed. They investigate child protection concerns for children held within this team. They arrange regular statutory reviews where the care plan is reviewed.

They work with designated teachers in Schools to ensure each Looked after Child has a personal education plan and that the recommendations from this plan are implemented to ensure each child fulfils his / her educational potential.

The Social Workers are responsible for ensuring that their education, health and care needs are met and each child has the opportunity to participate in leisure of creative opportunities.

To access the support:

To access the support, children need to be a 'Looked after Child'. If there are concerns about a child's welfare that meet thresholds for statutory intervention, referrals can be made to the Referral and Assessment Team on telephone number 525790.

Method of support:

Advice to parents, carers, schools and other professionals

Assessment carried out to establish the child's need and how best they can be met

Support to children, parents, carers and other professionals which may include arranging therapy for children, parent education work, (one-to-one/groups), transporting to clinic etc.

Joint Planning with schools, health professionals, carers and others. This may include planning specialist placements with education and/or therapeutic support.

Statutory Work to ensure legislative requirements are met and those children are protected from maltreatment.