Lincolnshire Children in Care (CiC) Dental Pathway

1. Local Authority

Child is placed into care
Child requires initial health assessment within 20 working days

Referral sent to LCHS CiC team

2. New to care list is received by LCHS Children in Care Team

- Dental Assessment form is sent to child's carer by locality BS team
  - On receipt of new to care list
  - With health assessment appointment letter

Foster carers may wish to keep blank copies of this form for children new to their care and for ongoing dental reviews.

3.General Dental Practitioner (GDP)

- Carer arranges appointment for child with local GDP within 5 days and takes child to dental appointment with Dental Assessment form
- GDP completes Dental Assessment form for child and gives form back to carer

GDP is able to take details regarding parental responsibility and social worker from the form if they wish to do so

4.Initial Health Assessment Appointment

Initial health assessment booked by CiC team and performed by CiC Paediatrician

Has child had their dental assessment?

YES

Carer brings completed dental assessment form, if ready, to health assessment appointment

At initial health assessment:

Dental form reviewed as part of health assessment:

- Dental plan incorporated into child health plan/report
- Form scanned into patient record on Rio
- Health plan as part of child's care plan later reviewed by IRO as per local processes
- Accessible by social worker/local authority via child's overall care plan

NO

At initial health assessment:

- Check child/young person has dental appointment booked

- **On completion of dental assessment carer returns form to CiC/FAST allocated SW or the ssw.**
- **Locality BS will upload these and send to LCHS (health team) so that it is available on both systems.**

5.Child Health Report

Child health report includes oral health and plan for dental treatment/ongoing care and recall
Uploaded by business support and sent to LCHS
Business Support update health section on Mosaic in relation to dentist

6.Review Health Assessment

Prior to Review health assessment carer is reminded to take child to dentist for assessment and dentist completes form

- Social worker to ensure dental form being distributed to foster/residential carers
- Reminder sent to complete dental assessment on health review appointment letter.

Process continues as per above for continuous review. If there are any concerns regarding the child's oral health, dentist details are present on the form to allow the CiC team to seek further support.