

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10 June 2026

Looked After Children – Initial Health Assessments

Report from: NHS Kent and Medway

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Summary

This report presents data on Initial Health Assessments for Medway's Children in Care covering the 12-month period from April 2025 to March 2026.

1. Recommendation

1.1. The Committee is requested to note the report as set out at Appendix 1

2. Budget and policy framework

2.1. Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council may review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision, and operation of the health service in Medway. In carrying out health scrutiny a local authority must invite interested parties to comment and take account of any relevant information available to it, and, in particular, relevant information provided to it by a local Healthwatch. The Council has delegated responsibility for discharging this function to Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.

2.2. It was agreed at the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 5 March 2026 for a report to be presented on this item.

3. Risk management

3.1. NHS Kent and Medway have identified performance related risks in the report.

4. Financial implications

4.1. There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

5. Legal implications

5.1. There are no direct legal implications for the Council arising from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – LAC Initial Health Assessments

Background papers

None