

HOW TO BOOK THE INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR A NEW LOOKED AFTER CHILD

It is a statutory requirement for all looked after children to have an initial health assessment (IHA) within 4 weeks of entering care. These are carried out by a LAC doctor at Crowndale Health Centre and must be arranged by the child's social worker as follows, using the electronic BAAF health assessment forms on MOSAIC.

The following health forms are used for the initial health assessment:

1. Camden LAC placement and health consent form:
 - for parents to consent to medical treatment and health assessments
 - **and** for parents to consent for sharing of health information
2. IHA – C (child) Initial health assessment for 0 – 9 years old
3. IHA – YP (young person) Initial health assessment for 10 – 17 years old
4. PH (Parental Health) Completed by birth parent(s) and social worker
5. MB (obstetric and birth details) Part A completed by social worker and the rest by hospital midwife (see below).

As soon as the child becomes looked after, please complete the following with the child or young person's parents :

- **LAC Placement and Health Consent form**, ensuring that the parent completes the consent to health assessment/medical treatment section and also the consent to share health information section
- CoramBAAF Parental Health forms (for each parent)
- For unaccompanied minors, please ask the young person to sign their consent for sharing of health information

To book the IHA:

1. **Complete all of Part A of the IHA form: IHA-C for 0-10 year olds and IHA-YP for 11-17 year olds.** Please make sure you have the correct form for the age and that you have the IHA and not the RHA form (which is for review health assessments).
2. **Sign the consent box** at the bottom of the form if you have PR. If the child is on a **section 20** placement, the **parent must sign**. Please complete the **LAC Placement and Health Consent form with the parent**, ensuring that the parent completes the consent to health assessment/medical treatment section and also the consent to share health information section. The LAC health assessment cannot take place without signed consent.
3. **Task completed forms to LAC health inbox on Mosaic** (including parental health forms unless the child is a UASC).
4. Inform LAC health admin on lacadmin.cnwl@nhs.net and please ask parents to attend for the IHA.
5. Please attach any other relevant background information: reason why child in care (chronology or recent case conference report), hospital letters, discharge summary for under 5's etc.
6. Once the completed, signed and correct IHA form **with consents** have been received, an appointment will be booked for the IHA clinic which is held at Crowndale Health Centre on Monday mornings between the hours of 9:30am – 12.30 pm. The appointment will usually be within 2 weeks.
7. **All LAC must be accompanied by their social worker, keyworker or foster carer.** Please also ask the parent to attend for the IHA where possible

The MB form is required for all children < 5years old. Please complete Part A and send password protected to:

Teresa.driver@uclh.nhs.uk for children born at UCLH

Kathryn.clements@nhs.net for born at the RFH