

Joint Model for Initial Health Assessments- Putting children and Young people at the centre of everything we do.

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Communication is always excellent, and the appointments are thorough, professional and friendly. I feel I can talk to the nurse about anything

Referral triaged By Named Doctor and linked to other health appointments as appropriate

They were very thorough, helpful and welcoming. They answered all my questions and gave me some great advice.



Benefits to Model.

- Relationship building from start
- Improved communication between doctor and nurse
- Foster carer, social worker and IRO have clear point of contact ensuring that advice available when needed (not just at RHA)
- Improved timeliness of interventions
- Learning from each other
- Chance to review issues at 3 months to decide whether onward referral necessary.
- Informed by Young People.

Potential barriers to setting up the Model

- Services with doctors and nurses in different trusts/ locations
- Needs good admin support
- Needs support from operational management, designates etc

it was great to read a health assessment that was written to the child, in language that the child can understand while also providing the LA with the information that is needed.

The nurse is warm, friendly and approachable. We already knew her because my older foster child had her too which gives a lovely sense of continuity for the children

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