

Isle of Wight

Children in Care Health Service

Information for carers and professionals

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The IOW Children in Care team is made up of 2 nurses, who are trained and experienced in working with children and young people, and an administrator.

The Health of Children and Young People in Care is everybody's responsibility and therefore:

We work in partnership with carers, social workers, residential workers, paediatricians, health workers and other multi-agency professionals, with the aim of promoting the health and well-being of looked after children.

What do we do?

Apart from arranging and carrying out health assessments, we give you and the child/young person advice and help with a variety of health related issues.

These include:

- Difficulties in accessing a dentist.
- Unsure about vaccination schedule.
- Talking to young people about puberty, sex, drugs, smoking, alcohol, diet or emotional issues
- Concerns with child's/young person's personal safety e.g. talking to strangers.

If you're not sure about a health related issue give us a call. We can give you advice on the phone, support you to directly help & advise the child; We can arrange one to one sessions with the child/young person or arrange health promotion sessions for larger groups of children/young people i.e. in residential settings.

If we are unable to help with a particular issues, we will endeavour to refer you to somebody who can.

We treat all information received with the utmost confidentiality unless the child's, yours or someone else's safety is at risk.