

1.9.2 General Practitioners, Dentist and Opticians

Regulations and standards

England

- [Regulation 10: The health and well-being standard](#)
- [Guide to the health and well-being standard](#)

Wales

[Regulation 33: Access to health and other services](#)
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/1264/regulation/33/made>

[Statutory Guidance For service providers and responsible individuals on meeting service standard regulations](#)

Outcome statement

Children's health needs are met and their welfare is safeguarded by the home's policies and procedures for administering medicines and providing treatment.

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1. Notifications and Registrations

When a child is placed in a home, the social worker must arrange for the Health Authority, in the area where a child is placed, to be notified of the placement.

The Manager of the home should arrange for the following:

- For the child to be allocated with a Link Worker (Keyworker) who will be responsible for promoting his/her health and educational achievement, liaising with key professionals, including the Clinical Nurse Specialist, the child's GP and dental practitioner. The Link/Keyworker will also be responsible for ensuring that up to date with information is kept on the child in relation to his/her health needs, development, illnesses, operations, immunisations, allergies, medications, administered, dates of appointments with GP's and specialists (see **Link/Keyworker Responsibilities Procedure**);
- For the child to be registered with a GP **no later than 10 working days** after the child is placed;
- For the child to have access to a Dentist in the home's locality **no later than 20 working days** after the child is placed;
- For the child to be registered with an Optician in the home's locality;

- For a Health Care Assessment to be carried out in relation to the child **within 14 days of the child's placement**, as set out in **Health Care Assessments and Plans Procedures**.

Details of the registration or any changes must be recorded, by the social worker, in the Placement Information Record, a copy of which must be forwarded to the home, at the latest, within 14 days of the placement.

Additionally, the child's Medical Record and Child's Personal Plan or My Life Plan should be updated.

2. Appointments

If children appear to require or request it, appointments should be made for them to see their GP or other medical practitioners as appropriate.

When appointments are made, account should be taken of the child's wishes, for example, to see a practitioner of a preferred gender. Also, appointments should preferably be made which do not disrupt the child's education.

Parents, those with **Parental Responsibility** and the child's social worker should, if possible, be consulted before making appointments; and they should be informed of the outcome.

See: **Consents Guidance**

As appropriate, the Chronology/Essential Information Record should be updated to take account of these appointments. Care should be taken to ensure that a copy is held by the social worker, and the copy held in the home is updated.

Additionally, the child's Medical Record and Child's Personal Plan or My Life Plan should be updated.

Revision History

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