The journey to a better life…..

- Animation (Part 1)

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Considering the Needs and Best Interests of Unaccompanied Asylum –Seeking Children

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Kent

Chelmsford
Chiltern
Hills AONB
M1
M40
M25
London
Southend-on-Sea
Reading
Croydon
Margate
M20
M25
Maidstone
Canterbury
Surrey Hills
Area of
Outstanding
Natural Beauty
Kent Downs
AONB
Dover
High Weald
AONB
Folkestone
Dunkirk
Calais
Coquelles
South Downs
National Park
Brighton
Hastings
Worthing
Eastbourne
A16
Boulogne-sur-Mer
A26
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Care of unaccompanied children

Children Act 1989

- General duty under Children Act 1989 (section 17) to assist ‘children in need’
- Enforceable duty under Children Act 1989 (section 20) to accommodate where a child requires accommodation
- Presumption of section 20 support for unaccompanied asylum-seeking child
- Leaving care support owed to those who have been looked after for at least 13 weeks subsequent to their 14th birthday

They become a Looked After Child under section 20.

Unknown Health Needs & Countries of Origin

- Trauma experienced on the journey
- Chronic conditions
- Sleep deprivation
- Eating problems
- TB
- Blood Born Infections
- Immunisation history

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sudan	32	51	148	255	**337**
Eritrea	131	460	**736**	413	320
Vietnam	68	103	182	194	268
Albania	**470**	**632**	481	420	250
Iraq	6	32	182	324	248
Iran	76	73	227	388	213
Afghanistan	150	179	694	**754**	210
Ethiopia	7	18	114	104	74
Syria	64	118	169	140	41

The Needs Assessment

- Psychological signs/symptoms (41%)
- Physical complaints common
- Dental (43%)
- Vision (35%)
- High risks for TB & Hep B

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Health Needs Assessment – Unaccompanied children seeking asylum

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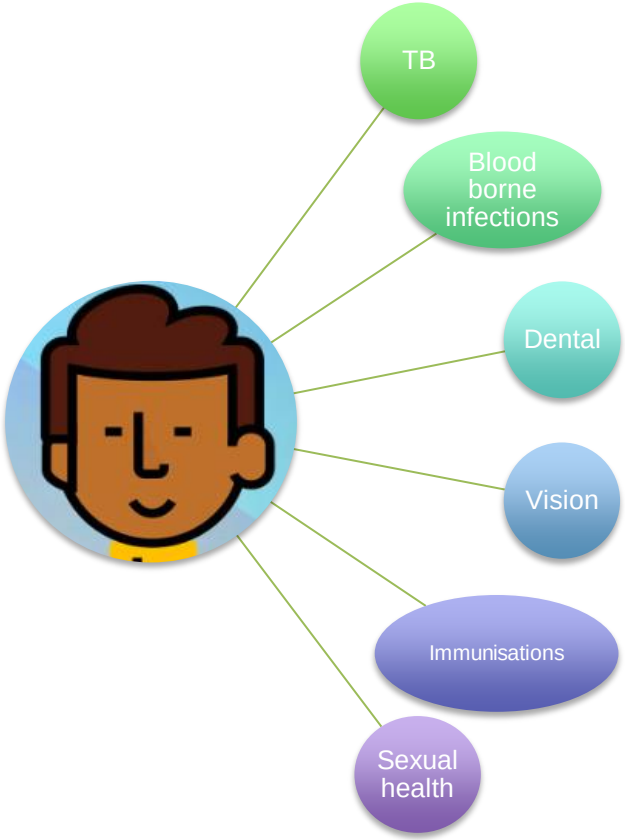
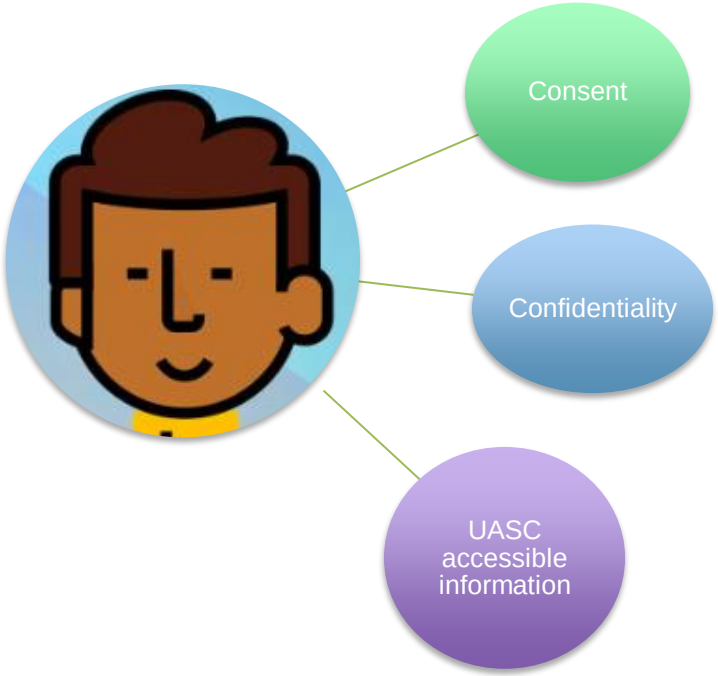
Pathways and Processes

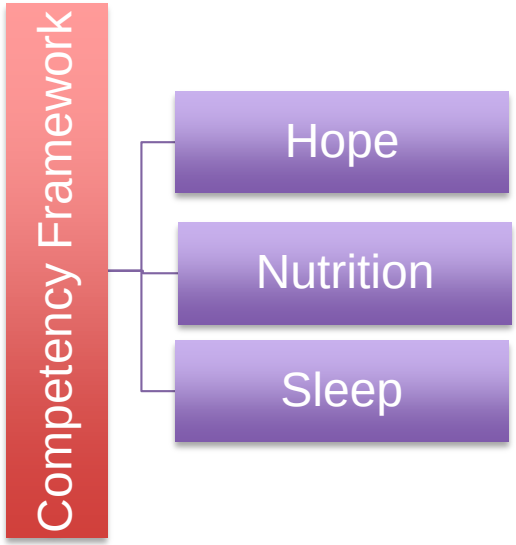


Support for our Young People



The Importance of Sleep

The CAMHS project



- Current research shows that this cohort of children are more likely to experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as well as symptoms of anxiety and depression

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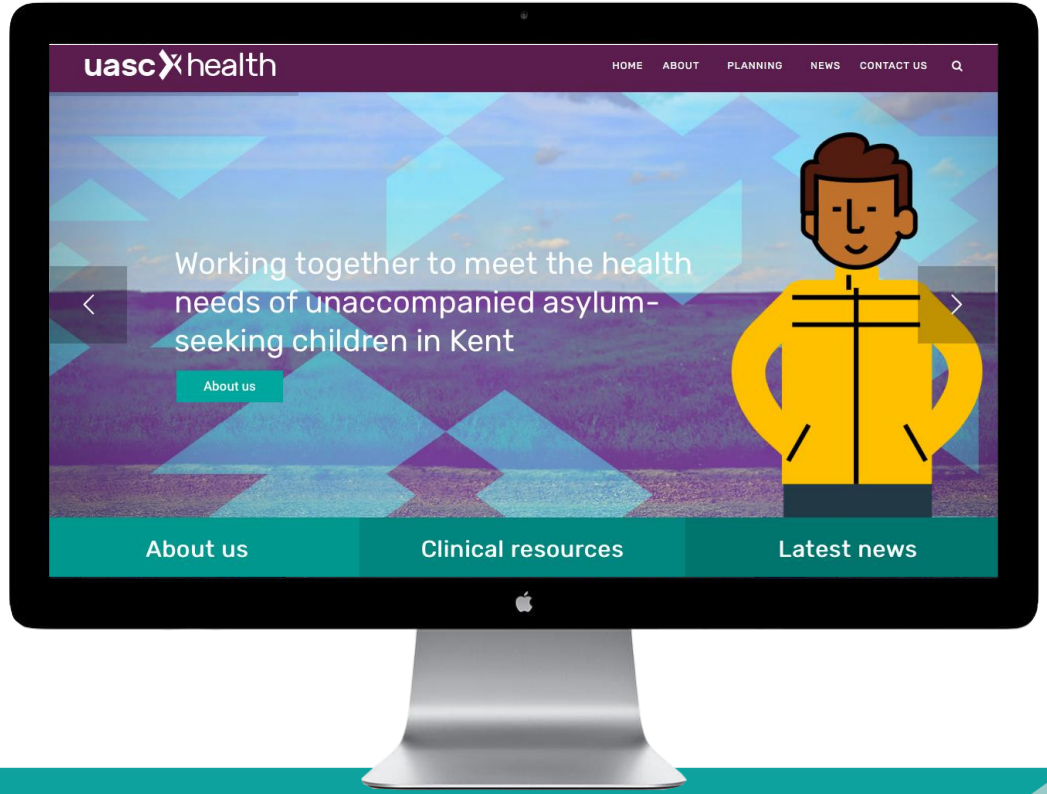

Thank you for listening

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asylum seekers second

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