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Maternity

New NHS Information Service For Parents – Launched in May

Parents can now sign up to the new NHS Information Service for Parents to get regular emails, videos and texts, about pregnancy, the first weeks of their baby's life and beyond. This new, free digital service for parents provides regular, tailored NHS and other quality assured advice for both mothers and fathers.

The emails include information from NHS Choices, the Pregnancy Care Planner and the online Birth to Five guide along with videos showing midwives demonstrating practical advice and parents discussing their own experiences. The service provides information covering a wide range of issues for parents including how a baby develops, finding antenatal preparation, improving their own health, breastfeeding and immunisations.

Parents can sign up online at <https://www.nhs.uk/InformationServiceForParents/pages/home.aspx> or via SMS for text messages.

For more information please see the fact sheet for health professionals available at <http://www.nhs.uk/aboutNHSChoices/professionals/healthandcareprofessionals/Documents/health-professionals-factsheet.pdf> For information on downloading a sign-up widget and adding it to your website please email support@informationserviceforparents.nhs.uk or call 0845 458 0159

Publication: Maternity And Children's Data Set – Information Standard Notice

The Maternity and Children's [Data Set](#), (which includes maternity services, children and young peoples services and child and adolescent mental health services). Information Standard Notice was published in May 2012. The data set has been developed as a key driver to achieving better outcomes of care for mothers, babies and children. The data set will provide comparative, mother and child-centric data that will be used to improve clinical quality and service efficiency; and to commission services in a way that improves health and reduces inequalities.

The Information Standard Notice and associated documentation can also be found on the Information Centre's [website](#).

Revised Policy For Screening For Congenital Hypothyroidism (CHT) In Preterm Babies

The UK Newborn Screening Programme has issued a revised policy for screening for CHT in preterm babies. This policy should be implemented in all UK countries on 1 April 2012. By targeting babies born before 32 weeks gestation and repeat testing at 28 days postnatal age, or at the time of discharge home, whichever is sooner; this policy will enable earlier identification of CHT.

For further information, please go to

http://newbornbloodspot.screening.nhs.uk/cht_preterm_policy

NPEU Study On Uterine Rupture

The results of an NIHR funded national study of uterine rupture were published in March. The study showed that although uterine rupture is associated with significant mortality and morbidity, even amongst women with a previous caesarean section planning a vaginal delivery, it is a rare occurrence.

For women with a previous caesarean section, risk of uterine rupture increases with number of previous caesarean deliveries, a short interval since the last caesarean section and labour induction and/or augmentation. These factors should be considered when counselling and managing the labour of women with a previous caesarean section.

For further information go to

<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001184>

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Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Years

Infant & Toddler Forum Gives Feeding The Under 3s A New Online Look

The Infant & Toddler Forum – leading experts in nutrition and development in the under threes – has launched its new, improved website for health and childcare professionals and families. The relaunch of www.infantandtoddlerforum.org allows easier access to the Forum's free advice, and is part of ongoing efforts to enhance the availability and quality of information on toddler feeding.

The new user-friendly format makes it easier to keep coming back to the very practical advice and is easy to use with mobile devices like smart phones and tablets, so even those looking for information on the go will have it at their fingertips.

For further information go to www.infantandtoddlerforum.org/ or call 020 8971 0022

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Child Health

Unwarranted Variation In Child Healthcare

The full extent of variation in healthcare for children in England has been revealed in the first *NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare – Child Health*.

The Atlas maps 25 indicators at PCT level to identify unwarranted variation in children's services – highlighting opportunities to improve health outcomes and minimise inequalities.

It has been produced by the NHS QIPP Right Care team in collaboration with clinical specialists and the Child and Maternal Health Observatory.

Other themed publications are due to follow in 2012 to build on *The NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare*, first published in November 2010 and updated at the end of 2011. It, and the Child Health Atlas are available at <http://www.rightcare.nhs.uk/index.php/nhs-atlas/>

Local Authority Child Health Profiles 2012 Launched For England

Updated versions from the national Child and Maternal Health Observatory (ChiMat) of these snapshots of child health and wellbeing for each council in England have been published.

These profiles are designed to help those working in local authorities; the NHS and the voluntary sector improve outcomes for children and tackle health inequalities.

New additions for this year include:

- More information about mental health
- Introduction of breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks
- Trend information about hospital admissions for alcohol
- Comparisons with statistical neighbours looking at teenage conceptions, teenage mothers, MMR immunisation and breastfeeding initiation

To see your profile, visit the ChiMat website – <http://www.chimat.org.uk/profiles>

Bringing Networks To Life

Bringing Networks to Life - an RCPCH guide to implementing clinical networks
<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/networks>

In parallel with the development of managed clinical networks in the new NHS, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have published a guide to establishing and managing successful networks for children's health services. This document "makes the case" for formal and informal paediatric networks across a range of specialties. It sets out the rationale and benefits and links to an interactive website with examples of existing networks.

There are evidence based examples, tips and checklists to ensure that development of new networks benefits from the lessons of others, and successful models are promoted for others to emulate where appropriate. We hope that you will find the document useful in your work and that the specific needs of children and young people are prioritised when designing and improving specialist services across the NHS. More detail from health.policy@rcpch.ac.uk

Piloting Bedside Television Surveys With Hospedia

The Picker Institute has teamed up with [Hospedia](#), the world's largest provider of bedside entertainment units, to pilot patient experience surveys using touch screen terminals – an exciting new development, and potentially a highly cost-effective method of data collection. They will be approaching trusts who might be interested in working with them in the future, providing that the pilots demonstrate that this approach delivers robust and reliable data and otherwise evaluates positively. Please contact [Lucas Daly](#) for more information about this initiative.

National Review of Asthma Deaths (NRAD) – Request For Help

You can support the NRAD in a number of ways:

- If you are aware of a death of a person possibly due to asthma between 1st February 2012 and 31st January 2013, please notify the NRAD team as soon as possible. Please note we will also be receiving notifications from ONS for case ascertainment purposes.
- If NRAD contact you to provide clinical information on one of your patients who has died and been notified to NRAD as possibly due to asthma, please do so as a matter of urgent importance.
- If you are aware that one of your patients may have died from asthma, please keep the health records of the person until you have heard from NRAD (this is to avoid delays later when you are asked to provide the information).

General information and how to notify a death

<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/national-review-asthma-deaths>

Notifications rachael.davey@nhs.net General enquiries nrad@rcplondon.ac.uk
or telephone 020 3075 1500 or 1522

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Vulnerable Children

Working Together To Safeguard Children

In response to a recommendation of the Munro review of child protection, on 12 June the Department for Education launched a consultation on the following revised statutory guidance: Working Together to Safeguard Children; Managing Cases: Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families; Learning and Improvement guidance (on draft revised arrangements for serious case reviews, reviews of child deaths and other learning processes led by Local Safeguarding Children Boards).

The consultation documents are on the DfE website at <http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1839&external=no&menu=1>

The consultation ends on **4 September 2012**

Systematic Review of Models of Analysing Significant Harm

The aim of this review was to identify, critically appraise, and evaluate the potential role of all available tools for assessing/analysing data about the likelihood of significant harm to children.

It's aim was to identify the adequacy of these tools in terms of their consistency with the principles of the Assessment Framework (Department of Health, Department for Education and Employment and Home Office 2000), and their potential to be used as part of a process of Structured Professional Judgment and their rigour.

Copies can be obtained at

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/DFE-RR199.pdf>

Safeguarding Children: A comparison of England's Data With That of Australia, Norway and the United States

The Childhood Wellbeing Research Centre (CWRC) was commissioned by the Department for Education to undertake a study with the overarching aim of drawing together existing aggregate administrative data on safeguarding children and child protection and exploring the availability and comparability of these data as a tool for comparing England's performance against that of other countries.

The objective was to consider how different institutional and cultural approaches alongside different forms of provision and support may influence rates of abuse and neglect and the responses of public authorities

Copies can be obtained at

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/DFE-RR198.pdf>

Looked After Children: Knowledge Skills And Competences of Health Care Staff

Produced by the RCPCH, RCN and RCGP, this document demonstrates the importance of meeting the healthcare needs of looked after children and aids health care staff in understanding their role and responsibilities, with the ultimate aim of improving life experiences for some of the most vulnerable children in society. The document is available to download from the RCPCH website <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/LAC>

If you would like a printed copy please email your address to health.policy@rcpch.ac.uk

Young Children Suffering or At Risk of Suffering Significant Harm

Since 2005, the Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University has been tracing the decision-making process influencing the life pathways of a cohort of very young children who were identified as suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm before they reached their first birthdays.

The overall objective of the research is to collect evidence which supports decisions concerning which children require permanent out of home placements (such as adoption) and those that can safely remain with their birth parents. A copy can be downloaded at

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DFE-RR209>

Costs And Impact of The Common Assessment Framework

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) is a standardised approach for the assessment of children and their families, to facilitate the early identification of additional needs and to promote a coordinated service response.

This report outlines the findings from an exploratory study to examine the costs and impact of the CAF. The research builds on a number of previous studies carried out by the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR) at Loughborough University as part of the ongoing costs and outcomes programme, most notably, the work to cost services and social care support provided to all Children in Need (CiN).

A copy can be downloaded at

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DFE-RR210>

Care Placements Evaluation of MTFC-A

This study, the Care Placements Evaluation (CaPE), has two components: a small randomised controlled trial embedded within a larger quasi-experimental observational study. The aim of the evaluation was to compare outcomes for two groups of young people with complex needs aged 10-16 years: those who enter treatment foster care placements within the MTFC model; and those in the other types of care placement usually available to this group of young people, including both foster and residential care.

A copy can be downloaded at

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DFE-RR194>

The Demographic Characteristics of Foster Carers In The UK

The Department commissioned the Childhood Wellbeing Research Centre to carry out a literature review into the demographic characteristics of foster carers in the UK; what motivates families to foster; what barriers there are to fostering; and how this information can be used to inform strategies for recruiting and retaining foster carers.

A copy can be downloaded at

<http://education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/families/fostercare/a00209484/uk-demographic-characteristics>

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Ill and Disabled Children

Children's Hospice and Hospice-at-Home Grant 2012/13

In the Coalition document *Our Programme for Government*, the Government committed to the continuance of £10m revenue funding annually to children hospices from 2011 and new per patient funding arrangements. The Department has recently notified the 40 children's hospices of the 2012/13 allocations for the Children's Hospice and Hospice-at-Home Grant.

Contact details: Patricia Parris, Ill and Disabled Child Team, Department of Health, Area 211 Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8UG. Telephone 0207 972 4796; email pat.parris@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Further information can be found:
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/tag/child-hospice/>

New Revenue Grant Funding For New Hospice Services

Up to £721,000 new revenue grant funding is being made available this year for new hospices in the sector. Applications will be open shortly to providers of new children's hospice services, who are not already in receipt of revenue funding from the existing Children's Hospice and Hospice at Home grant of £10m. Information on the process and eligibility criteria will be published on the DH website this month.

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New Capital Grant For Children's And Adult Hospices

On 29 May, the Government announced the new £60 million capital grants scheme for children's and adult hospices. The funding is being made available over 2012/13 and 2013/14 for projects to support improvements to the physical environment within hospices.

Details on how and when hospices can apply for the capital grant scheme will be announced shortly.

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Further information can be found
Press notice:
<http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2012/05/29/60m-boost-for-hospices/>
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/05/hospicefunding/>

Palliative Care Funding Pilots

New per patient funding arrangements for palliative care are expected to be in place in 2015 following the independent Palliative Care Funding Review, which reported in July 2011. The final report set out recommendations designed to create a fair and transparent funding system for palliative care for adults and children, which delivers better outcomes for patients and provides better value for the NHS. Eight palliative care funding pilots, including a children's consortium site, were launched March 2012 to collect the data on costs.

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Further information:

<http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2012/03/20/1-8-million-for-fairer-funding-for-end-of-life-care/>

New Audit Reveals Lack of Documentation on Children With Decreased Conscious Levels

A new audit which looks at whether guidance for assessing children with decreased conscious levels is being followed, has been launched.

['Care of Children and Young People Presenting to Hospital with a Decreased Conscious Level.'](#) published by the RCPCH, found that despite good levels of documentation in some key areas such as measurement of heart rate and oxygen saturation, 41.5% of the audited 53 NHS Trusts have not adopted all the guideline's recommendations. The audit measures criteria within eight main areas, including documentation of clinical history, observations, capillary blood glucose levels and information for parents and carers about the child's diagnosis or prognosis. The guidelines are being updated and disseminated to health professionals later this year.

Contact Lauren Mumford lauren.mumford@rcpch.ac.uk / 020 7092 6067

New Grants for Nurse-Led Innovation

Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity has this month launched a grants programme for paediatric nurses in haematology or neurology. Up to £7,500 is available for up to 15 nurses who wish to develop and deliver a 12 month 'innovation project' to improve the care or support for children with neurological or haematological conditions.

Previous recipients of the award have praised its simplicity and the way it helps nurses to develop their research and leadership skills. The deadline for expressions of interest is 5pm on 16th July 2012. For further information see the website or contact Dr Richard Piper, Director of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity on 07534329014 www.roalddahlcharity.org/Default.asp?PageID=50

Preparing for Adulthood Programme

Disabled young people have the same aspirations as their peers; however, they are less likely to achieve paid employment, independent living, good health and community inclusion as they move into adulthood.

These are the building blocks to a fulfilling adult life that most people take for granted. The Department for Education has commissioned a two year programme, called Preparing for Adulthood, that will provide knowledge and support to local authorities and their partners (including families and young people) to ensure that disabled young people achieve better life chances as they move into adulthood. For further information visit www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk or email info@preparingforadulthood.org.uk.

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Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Further Investment In Children and Young People's IAPT

Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg has announced a further investment of up to 22 million pound over the next three years in Children and Young People's IAPT. This is in addition to the existing £32 million announced last year.

The new funding will be spent on:

- making treatment available to many more young people with mental health problems
- providing access to a wider range of psychological therapies including help to support families, or treatment for major health problems of adolescence including eating disorders, depression, self-harm, and conduct problems occurring with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- training to focus on extending the skills and experience of NHS clinicians and people who work with young people such as teachers, social workers and counsellors

Please see below for information links to our press-release and to the report on the BBC website.

<http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2012/02/29/too-many-young-people-suffering-in-silence-with-mental-health-problems/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-17191891>

Transforming Challenging Behaviour

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation, a charity set up in 1997 to provide information, support and training to families and professionals, can currently provide subsidised training to multi-disciplinary teams supporting children and young people with severe learning disabilities and behaviour described as challenging, along with their families.

The evaluation of the training showed a significant reduction in challenging behaviour as well as a reduction in the negative impacts of it on those supporting the child. Although delivered through special schools, the training can be requested by anyone by emailing training@theCBF.org.uk or ringing Helen Marron on 01634 838739. More information is available at <http://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/training-consultancy/cbf-training/training.html>

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Conferences and Events

UK To Host First Joint Conference Between ERIC, ICCS And BAPU

ERIC, the UK's only children's continence charity, is pleased to announce it is joining with the International Children's Continence Society (ICCS) and the British Association of Paediatric Urology (BAPU) to host a joint conference. The conference will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, London on 12-14 October 2012.

This is the first time these organisations have come together to present lively and innovative joint scientific sessions in one venue. The conference will include the newest ideas and latest research on lower urinary tract dysfunction in children as well as exciting networking opportunities.

For further information including programmes and registration, <http://www.iccs-eric-bapu.org.uk/>

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Sources of Information

Unless otherwise stated, guidance referred to in the bulletin has not been commissioned or endorsed by the Department of Health - it is evidence that organisations and professionals may find helpful in improving practice. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence is the Department's provider of accredited evidence and guidance, which can be found on the Institute's website at www.nice.org.uk

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