



0-5 transfer

Overview of the transfer of the 0-5 Service from NHS England to local authorities

- The 2010-15 Coalition Government set out that as part of the transfer of public health responsibilities to local government, 0-5's public health services commissioning would move to local authorities. These services would then be commissioned alongside the 5-19 children's services which were transferred to local authorities in April 2013. A partnership programme led by DH, NHS England and PHE, with key support from the Local Government Association (LGA), Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE), Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH), Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and Health Education England (HEE) was set up to deliver the transfer. A formal programme board (0-5 Public Health Commissioning Programme Board) was set up in September 2014.
- The transfer of commissioning responsibilities from NHS England to local authorities for 0-5s public health services took place on 1 October 2015.
- After the final 0-5 Public Health Commissioning Transfer Programme Board, ownership of the programme benefits (and the wider Health Visitor Programme benefits) will transfer to a new partnership group sited in PHE to support the 'Best Start in Life' agenda.
- The safe and effective transfer of commissioning responsibilities on 1 October 2015 will:
 - support service sustainability;
 - builds on and support continuing service transformation and integration; and
 - complete a process of joint national and local development work so that local authorities are well placed to get maximum benefit for local people.
- Local authorities are responsible for commissioning five mandated health reviews and a new toolkit has been published to support this.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-health-visitor-reviews-advice-for-local-authorities>
- There is further information on the transfer in [Overview 3: Changes to how 0 to 5 services are commissioned](#)

- For more information relating to mandation and data and information please see the factsheets published on this webpage:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transfer-of-0-5-childrens-public-health-commissioning-to-local-authorities>