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Maternity

How information collected from the Maternity and Child Health Datasets will drive improvements in the provision of services for women young people and children

How many children across England are seen by NHS child and adolescent mental health services? How many of these are young carers? How many women who are obese in their first pregnancy continue to increase their weight into subsequent pregnancies?

These are all questions that require robust national information to enable the NHS to provide the best possible care to women, children and young people.

MCDS data sets implemented locally from April 2013 will be flowed into a national data set system providing for the first time national data about women, children and young people. This will enable data linkage across care pathways and with mothers and their children to help the NHS to make intelligent decisions to improve care.

For more information and to register for regular electronic updates visit www.hscic.gov.uk/maternityandchildren

Post mortem consent package from Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity

This package aims to improve the consent process for bereaved parents and professionals. Developed with health professionals and parents, it is approved by the Human Tissue Authority and supported by key professional and parents' associations.

It contains a consent form, a guide for consent takers, and a booklet for parents. The guide and the booklet are relevant throughout the UK and can also be used as a basis for training. The parent-friendly form can currently only be adopted in England but Sands hopes it will eventually be adopted in the other UK countries.

You can order printed copies of the whole package (usually max. 2 packages per order – please ring the shop to discuss pricing if you want more). You can also order the booklet for parents Deciding about a hospital post mortem examination (max. 100 booklets per order).

Please note, whilst the documents are free of charge, there is a charge for postage and packaging. Email orders: shop@uk-sands.org Shop for telephone orders: 0845 6520 445

Downloads You can also download all the documents for health professionals, plus FAQs, from the HTA website:

www.hta.gov.uk/licensingandinspections/sectorspecificinformation/postmortem/perinatalpostmortem.cfm

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Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Years

Integrated Review – Implementation study to examine the delivery models

The Department of Health and Department for Education have a joint commitment to introduce an integrated health and education review for 2 - 2 1/2 year olds by 2015. This will bring together the Healthy Child Programme 2 year review and the Early Years Foundation Stage progress check, in a coherent, integrated way, and drawing on the different skills and experience of the health and education practitioners working with the child.

From January 2013, five pilot sites started testing models of the Integrated Review across their areas for 12 months, supported by five 'pilot partner' sites where work is already progressing towards provision of an integrated review.

An independent third party is carrying out the evaluation of the pilot testing, exploring how the Integrated Review is implemented in the test sites and provide evidence to support the wider roll out of the programme, both nationally and locally. The research will in particular, inform the Integrated Review Consultation phase 2014, national guidance, and development of local training modules.

Further information on the Integrated Review FAQs can be found [here](#)

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Child Health

Medicines for Children: practical and reliable information for parents and carers

The vision of *Medicines for Children* is that any parent, wherever they are, have information on their child's medicines that they need and can trust. Our medicines and general information leaflets and videos are available on our public website. The content is written and reviewed by pharmacists and paediatricians, with parents' and carers' input, and carries The Information Standard kitemark.

Our recent impact review demonstrates that an increasing number of people access the resource. Parents and carers overall found it useful, easy to understand, appealing and trustworthy; they would recommend to others. Healthcare professionals signpost the resource to the families they support in various ways. Recommendations to improve it included adding more content and formats and promoting to more families.

For further information go to www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk or contact Kirsten Olson at medicines.leaflets@rcpch.ac.uk or telephone 020 7092 6175

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Vulnerable Children

Safeguarding children and adults – revised guidance

The Department for Education (DfE) published revised inter-agency statutory guidance, *Working Together to Safeguard Children*, on 21 March. The guidance came into effect from 15 April. It sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and how practitioners should conduct the assessment of children.

This guidance replaces *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (2010), *The Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families* (2000) and *Statutory guidance on making arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children under section 11 of the Children Act 2004* (2007). It includes links to relevant supplementary guidance that professionals should consider.

The revised Working Together is on safeguarding children is on the DfE website at <http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/statutory/g00213160/working-together-to-safeguard-children>.

Also on 21 March, NHS England published its *Safeguarding Vulnerable People in the Reformed NHS: Accountability and Assurance Framework*. This updates and replaces *Arrangements to secure children's and adult safeguarding in the future NHS. The new accountability and assurance framework – interim advice* issued by the NHS Commissioning Board Authority in September 2012. It is on the NHS England website at <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/safeguarding-vulnerable-people.pdf>.

The Accountability and Assurance Framework is intended to support NHS organisations in order to fulfil their statutory safeguarding duties as set out in *Working Together* and in the *Statutory Guidance on Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked After Children*, and also in any future legislation regarding the safeguarding of adults.

For further information, contact Richard Griffiths – richard.griffiths@dh.gsi.gov.uk.

Government response to Lord Carlisle's report on the Edlington Case

DfE published the Government's formal response to Lord Carlisle's report on the Edlington case on 26 March. It is intended to prompt further debate and discussion of the challenges Lord Carlisle sets for local authorities and central Government. The response is on the DfE website at

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DFE-00034-2013>.

Ofsted and safeguarding children inspections

On 12 April, Ofsted announced its withdrawal from the planned multi-inspectorate inspections of local child protection services and from joint inspections with the Care Quality Commission of local services for looked after children. Ofsted intends to introduce a single child protection and looked after children inspection framework for local authorities in September. Ofsted's press release is on its website at

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/news/single-inspection-framework-for-childrens-services>

NICE Quality Standard for looked after children

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published a health and social care quality standard for the *Health and wellbeing of looked-after children and young people* on 3 April. The quality standard covers the health and wellbeing of looked-after children and young people from birth to 18 years and care leavers (including young people planning to leave care or under leaving care provisions). It applies to all settings and services working with and caring for looked-after children and young people, and care leavers, including where they live. It is on the NICE website at <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byID&o=14140>

Child Sexual Exploitation - Warning Signs for Health Professionals

The Office of the Children's Commissioner's report on Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups (November 2012) includes a 'Warning signs and vulnerabilities' checklist of behaviour seen in children at risk, or who are already being sexually exploited. Professionals working with children should recognise these signs and take appropriate action.

For further information please click [here](#)

Please familiarise yourself with the checklist at Appendix A of the document and bring this to the attention of staff who come into contact with children and young people.

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Local Authority Child Health Profiles 2013 launched

A Child Health Profile has been developed for each local authority and were published by the Child and Maternal Health Observatory's (ChiMat) on 19 March. These profiles provide a snapshot of child health and well-being in March 2013. They are designed to help those working in local authorities, the NHS and the voluntary sector improve outcomes for children and tackle health inequalities.

Each profile provides two types of information: background demographic information about the children in each area; and comparative analysis with other local authorities

across the country. To see your profile, visit the ChiMat website – www.chimat.org.uk/profiles

On 1 April 2013, ChiMat became part of Public Health England. For more information about Public Health England, visit www.gov.uk/phe

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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