



To: Regional oversight group leads

For attention of:

Chief executives of upper tier local authorities
Child health public health leads
Public health teams
0-5 year commissioning leads
Information managers
IT managers

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Dear Colleagues,

Capturing commissioning data for 0-5 services covering mandated services and other key indicators – additional information to support the process

We are writing to highlight some information that we hope will be helpful to support the transfer of the commissioning of 0-5 year old children's public health services from NHS England to local authorities, which as you know is due to take place on 1 October 2015.

We are aware that this information comes while contracting processes are in train and recognise that you with NHS England are already working to important contracting deadlines to reach agreements. We hope this information will help to support these discussions.

This letter and attachments relate to data collection and the reporting of key performance indicators. The attached 'How to' information pack highlights important information that commissioners may want to insert into their ongoing 0-5 contracts for 2015/16.

As these contracts are currently being discussed we would be grateful if you could help to ensure this information reaches the right staff in the local authority. It is being shared at the same time with NHS England staff as part of the joint commissioning processes.

The capture of key data from providers is key to establishing the current baseline performance and the attached 'How to' pack supports local authorities in doing this.

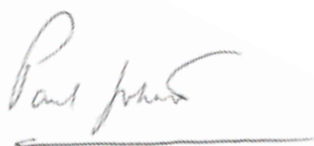
The document has been the subject of considerable engagement over the last six months involving local authority colleagues, NHS England staff, providers and other stakeholders.

It is intended to help local authorities to obtain standardised information from 0-5 year service providers. We hope it will be beneficial in a number of ways:

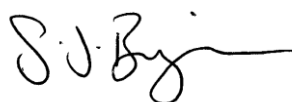
- the data will demonstrate a baseline position of service provision for the local authority in relation to mandated and other services from the acquisition of 0-5 year commissioning responsibilities
- this data will help you to secure standardised information to demonstrate improvements in commissioning, the future local planning of service provision and enable you to benchmark across registered and residential populations to detect trends in 0-5 year olds' public health
- the information provided is also a useful aid to assist in ensuring the minimum, standardised data collection and reporting requirements are available for inclusion in local contracts 2015/16. Securing the regular flow of aggregate information (data not limited to one person, but data that is tracked across time, organisations, populations or some other variable) could be helpful in supporting the performance monitoring of services on an ongoing basis and also to inform the annual review of contracts

Thank you for all your help and continued support in working together to deliver the best outcomes for children.

Yours faithfully



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