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Maternity

Friends and Family Test for Maternity Services

The latest National Friends and Family Test (FFT) results for Maternity, Inpatients and A&E services were published on Thursday 6th March 2014. The FFT is a simple feedback tool which asks patients whether they would recommend the NHS service they have received to friends and family who need similar treatment or care to that which they have received. Inpatients and A&E patients are asked a single question at, or within, 48 hours of discharge. Women on the maternity pathway are asked four questions at three maternity touch-points (before birth, shortly after birth and at the end of the maternity pathway). The responses to the FFT question are used to produce a score that can be aggregated to trust level and national level. In future the nationally aggregated FFT score will be used as an indicator in the NHS Outcomes Framework.

The data will be published monthly [here](#) on the NHS England website and on NHS Choices.

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Child Health

Consultation on changes to specialised services specifications

NHS England has launched a three-month consultation on changes to 15 of its specialised services specifications, including ones in relation to paediatric and neonatal services, as well as asking for views on a new document relating to specialised maternity services. Service specifications set out what is expected from providers and define access to a service. They also set out a series of core and developmental standards. Core standards are those which any reasonable provider of a service should be able to demonstrate, whilst developmental standards are in place to improve services over a period of time.

Consultation is open until 21 May 2014. To view the documents and find out how you can contribute your views, please click [here](#)

Child Health Clinical Outcome Review Programme

Procurement of the Child Health Clinical Outcome Review Programme has been launched. This will be focused on two topic areas, children with chronic neurodisability and adolescent mental health, and the provision of a Child Death Overview Panel Information System and Database Development Project.

Please see here for full details click [here](#)

Mid-Staffs Inquiry – Criminal Offence of Ill-Treatment or Wilful Neglect

As part of the response to the Mid-Staffs Inquiry (Francis report), the Government accepted the recommendation of the National Advisory Group on the Safety of Patients in England to develop a new criminal offence of ill-treatment or wilful neglect.

The consultation [here](#) outlines the recommendation and the government's current position, and sets out proposals for the details of the offence. The consultation closes on 31st March.

Child Health Profiles 2014 published

Public Health England has developed a Child Health Profile for each upper tier local authority in England. These provide a snapshot of child health and wellbeing in March 2014. They are a valuable tool for local government and health services in helping them to understand the needs of their community, so that they can work to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people and reduce health inequalities.

To view the profiles click [here](#)

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Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) mandatory data collection from acute trusts

On International Zero Tolerance to FGM Day, 6 February, Jane Ellison MP, Minister for Public Health, announced that acute trusts will report prevalence of FGM, which is the first step in a wider range programme. From April this year, NHS hospitals will be required to record:

- if a patient has had FGM
- if there is a family history of FGM
- if an FGM-related procedure has been carried out on a women - (deinfibulation)

By September this year, all acute trusts must report this data centrally to the Department of Health on a monthly basis. For further information click [here](#)

Tackling FGM in the UK - Intercollegiate recommendations for identifying, recording and reporting

This report was published last November by the RCM, RCN, RCOG, CPHVA and Equality Now. It is a tool written by health professionals who work on FGM, to raise awareness of the need for early intervention to better safeguard girls and support women. The report, which can be found [here](#), sets out the legal position, current initiatives and the barriers to identification and referral.

For further information click [here](#)

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance on Domestic Violence

NICE published new guidance on 26 February on domestic abuse and how health services, social care and the organisations they work can respond effectively. For further information on the guidance click [here](#)

Violence and Health and Wellbeing boards

A practical Guide for Health and Wellbeing Boards, community safety partnerships and other local agencies working to address violence was published on 27 February. For a copy of the guide click [here](#)

Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan

The Government's annual Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan was launched on International Women's Day on 8 March. The Action Plan updates on achievements in the past year and sets out what we will do in Government to improve outcomes for people at home and life chances for women and girls overseas.

The Action Plan, includes actions from the Department of Health and arm lengths bodies and can be viewed [here](#)

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III Children and Children with Disabilities

Ensuring Quality Services

The Joint Improvement Programme has published "Ensuring Quality Services: Core Principles for the commissioning of services for children, young people, adults and older people with learning disabilities and/or autism who display or are at risk of displaying behaviour that challenges."

For the Core Principles report click [here](#)

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Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Health Select Committee Inquiry into Children and Young People's Mental Health and CAMHS

This inquiry has, in part, been launched in light of concerns expressed by the Chief Medical Officer and others about the extent to which children and adolescents are affected by mental health problems with gaining access to appropriate treatment. In advance of this, the CMO was herself invited to give oral evidence to the Committee on 4th March where she was asked a broad range of questions about children's health and her Annual Report of last year, *Our Children Deserve Better; Prevention pays*.

The CMO's annual report can be found [here](#) . Chapter 10 of this report relates specifically to Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

For further information on the inquiry please contact [Kate Ward](#)

MindEd e- learning to support healthy young minds

The Minister of State for Care and Support will be launching the MindEd e-portal (click [here](#) for website) for children and young people's mental health on 25 March. This will provide clear guidance on mental health for the one million children and young people who work with children in universal settings to help them support the development of healthy minds.

This free educational tool will be easily available for all professionals who interact with children and young people. It will signpost information about services and therapies available to help children and young people with mental health issues. MindEd will also publish a review of online therapies which can be used by and with children and young people for treatment of common mental health disorders.

For further information click [here](#)

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CIS'ters training seminar on 28 April *How To Listen So Children and Young People Will Talk*

This training seminar, on 28 April, will explore issues relating to how Children and Young People try to communicate with those around them that things are not ok. The seminar will also highlight the impact on Children or Young People who are sexually exploited and will benefit anyone who works with or cares for children and young people, whether a parent or a professional. For further information click [here](#)

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