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Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Years

The Infant Feeding Profiles report for 2010/11

This Department of Health report was published on Saturday 20th July and can be found by clicking [here](#)

This analysis shows a correlation at Primary Care Trust level between higher rates of breastfeeding prevalence and lower rates of inpatient admissions among infants under one year old for the following ten conditions: Lower respiratory tract infections, Infant feeding difficulties, Wheezing, Gastroenteritis, Noninfective gastroenteritis, Eczema, Otitis media (ear infection), Infant feed intolerance, Lactose intolerance and Asthma.

For some conditions like otitis media (ear infection), there was also a correlation between breastfeeding prevalence and the rates of admission for children aged 1 to 5 years.

When combined with the analysis in the UNICEF report Preventing disease and saving resources: the potential contribution of increasing breastfeeding rates in the UK this report provides readers with the economic and scientific justification to support the commissioning and provision of breastfeeding services. The UNICEF report can be found [here](#)

A Spotlight on Perinatal Mental Illness

The NSPCC's *Prevention in Mind* report shines a spotlight on the issue of perinatal mental illness.

At least 1 in 10 women experience a mental illness during pregnancy or after the birth of their babies. These illnesses range from anxiety and depression, to less well known illnesses such as postpartum psychosis. If untreated, they can have a devastating impact on women and their families. However, as the report shows, effective services can prevent the harm that perinatal mental illness can cause for families.

'Prevention in Mind' showcases some examples of excellent support that exist around the country. However, the report also shows that there are huge gaps in services and families cannot access the help they need.

For a copy of the report click [here](#) .

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Child Health

NHS Mandate consultation

On 5 July the Department of Health issued a consultation document on refreshing the NHS Mandate. This includes a consultation question on strengthening the content of the Mandate on maternity, children and young people, to reflect NHS England's contribution to delivering our shared ambitions as set out for the Pledge for Better health outcomes for children and young people. There is a 12 week window for responses to the consultation, with the consultation closing on 27 September.

Further information on the Mandate consultation can be found [here](#) where you can also find details of where and how to send your comments.

Pledge letter

Dr Dan Poulter MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health and Councillor David Simmonds, Chair of the Local Government Association's Children and Young People's Board, have written a letter to local authorities to encourage them to sign up to the pledge for Better health outcomes for children and young people. This will demonstrate commitment to giving children the best start in life.

The Co-Chairs of the Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum, Ian Lewis and Christine Lenehan, are also co-signatories of this letter, along with Hilary Cass, President of RCPCH. The letter contains useful resources to help local authorities with children and young people's health.

The letter can be found [here](#). For further information please contact Eleanor Keech by clicking [here](#)

Children's Health and Wellbeing Partnership

A new Children's Health and Wellbeing Partnership has been established to bring together key national organisations accountable for policy, commissioning and delivery to improve the health of children and young people and to deliver the system-wide pledge for Better health outcomes for children and young people. The Partnership will provide national leadership and will work jointly on key priorities which need to be addressed together.

It is co-chaired by Jon Rouse, Director General for Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships at the Department of Health and Mark Rogers, Chief Executive of Solihull Council and children's lead at the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives.

For further information you can contact Lauren Jones by clicking [here](#)

Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical News

The July issue of the College Clinical News has a special focus on children and young people. To read it please click [here](#).

The Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum

Following publication of its first annual report in 2012 and the system response, the current Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum was officially launched in February. The Forum met in May and will be meeting again in September for its annual summit. The focus of the annual summit will be assessing progress to date in responding to the Forum recommendations. Working in parallel, the Forum has set up 5 thematic groups that are looking at 0-5 public health, 5-19 public health, acute, mental health and long term conditions and disability.

If any of you are interested in feeding into the work of the Forum on any of these issues (we envisage that work will be done virtually much of the time) or any other questions about the Forum, then please email Penny Allsop by clicking [here](#) and she will pass on your request to the group co-chairs.

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Vulnerable Children

Children and Young People - Post Winterbourne View Actions

In his recent Association of Directors of Children's Services conference speech, Dr Glen Mason, Department of Health, Director of Social Care Leadership & Performance, stressed the importance of improving services for children and young people with learning disabilities or autism with mental health conditions or behaviour that challenges through -

- A commitment to a life course approach with planning starting from childhood, early and effective intervention and a clear focus on the key transition points that are too often problematic.
- The development, led by NHS England, of a core service specification to ensure high quality care and support services for children, young people and their families.

For further information please email Colin Startup by clicking [here](#)

Department of Education Consultations

The Department for Education is conducting 3 consultations on proposals to strengthen safeguards for children in care, particularly where they are placed in distant, out-of-authority placements.

1. a consultation on proposals to strengthen safeguarding in children's homes by amending regulations, improving requirements for collaboration between children's homes, police and local authority services; and introducing measures to assess the safety of homes' locations;
2. a consultations on proposals to amend regulations to strengthen safeguards for looked after children placed out of authority. This consultation also contains proposals to strengthen scrutiny of decisions to cease looking after 16 and 17 year olds;
3. a consultation on revised statutory guidance on Children Who Run Away and Go Missing from Home or Care.

The consultations will run from the 25 June to the 17 September.

Further information can be found by clicking [here](#)

RCPCH Child Protection Companion 2013

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has recently published the Child Protection Companion, a textbook on all aspects of child protection and safeguarding. It compiles all of the latest evidence, research, guidance, publications and standards to provide a textbook which covers all forms of maltreatment and elements of the multiagency system; from examination, to identification, to referral, to court.

Access to the electronic content and hard copies can be purchased for a small fee by clicking [here](#) .

For further information please email [here](#) .

Sexual Violence against Children and Vulnerable People

In March 2013, the Government set up a national group to tackle Sexual Violence against Children and Vulnerable People. The national group is a panel of experts brought together by the Home Office to co-ordinate and implement the learning from recent inquiries into historic sexual abuse and current sexual violence prevention issues. The national group will work to improve cross government delivery, identify problems and solutions, and act swiftly to resolve them. The group is focusing on nine key areas, building on the already strong foundations across Government, and address the learning emerging from reviews of historical child sexual abuse cases.

If you would like further information, please click [here](#)

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Ill and Disabled Children

Development of a Disability e-Learning Portal

The Department has awarded a grant to a RCPCH led consortium to develop a Disability e-Learning Portal, working with e-learning for Healthcare. The Portal will, when developed (Autumn 2015), provide access to online training programmes designed to extend the skills and knowledge of individuals working with children, young people and young adults with disabilities.

The training programmes will provide information on evidence based outcome focussed delivery for NHS staff and information on understanding and recognising disability challenges and problems, and simple strategies which can be used to support children and young people with disabilities, for staff working in universal settings.

For further information please email Colin Startup by clicking [here](#)

Provision of Children's Disability Equipment

In 2012 NHS East Midlands - in collaboration with East Midlands Councils (EMC) - commissioned an exploration of key issues relating to the provision of children's disability equipment with a focus on clinical governance and accountability, including the recycling of equipment and workforce development.

A final report has now been published and is available on request by clicking [here](#)

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Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Department of Health e-Portal for Children and Young People's Mental Health

The e-Portal is a platform designed to support all adults who work with children and young people in the UK in order to offer emotional first aid and to prevent the decline of children and young people's mental health.

The project to develop this is going very well and it is anticipated that this will be launched early 2014.

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