

Children, Families and Maternity e-bulletin

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Children and Young People's Outcomes Forum Edition

Improving Children and Young People's Health Outcomes: a system wide response

Health Minister Dr Dan Poulter MP recently launched the system wide response to the Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum report recommendations. The independent Forum was set up by the SofS Health to make recommendations to improve health outcomes for children and young people. The Forum's recommendations were aimed at a wide range of organisations and this document brings together the action already taken, in progress and planned.

The system wide response can be found [here](#)

For further information, contact Colin Startup by clicking [here](#)

Better health outcomes for children and young people – sign up to the Pledge

To coincide with the launch of system wide response to the Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum report recommendations, Health Minister Dr Dan Poulter MP asked national charities and local organisations to commit to improve the health outcomes of our children and young people so that they become amongst the best in the world.

Each part of the system, at each level, has a vital contribution to make in improving health outcomes for children and young people. Check out the web link below to see the shared ambitions and **sign up to the Pledge** by emailing your details [here](#)

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New Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Board

In order to maintain momentum on improving children and young people's health outcomes at national level a new Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Board, led by the Chief Medical Officer, will bring together key system leaders in child health to provide a sustained focus on improving outcomes across the whole child health system. CMO will bring her personal leadership to challenge the system on the progress they are making and to champion the issues specific to children and young people.

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

New Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum

To provide ongoing advice a new Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum will offer constructive challenge to the next phase of this work. The Forum will hold an annual summit involving the Chief Medical Officer to monitor progress on child health outcomes and make recommendations for their improvement.

Professor Ian Lewis (Medical Director, Alder Hey) and Christine Lenehan (Director, Council for Disabled Children) are the Forum Co-Chairs. The Forum held its first meeting on 13 February.

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

Child Health in the UK: The Future Conference on 11-12 April, University of Manchester

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), in partnership with the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal Society of Medicine, is hosting a two-day conference to stimulate new thinking on building better and more sustainable health services for children. The conference is intended for a multi-professional audience comprising of doctors from all specialties who are involved in child health, nurses, allied health professionals, children's services managers and commissioners.

The programme and further details are available by clicking [here](#)

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Child Protection – Information Sharing Project

The Child Protection – Information Sharing (CP-IS) project will help the NHS give a higher level of protection to children who present in unscheduled health care settings, including emergency departments, walk-in centres, minor injury units and GP out of hours services. Appropriate healthcare staff working in these areas will be able to identify if a child is subject to a child protection plan or is looked after by a local authority.

CP-IS will tackle a long-standing problem for NHS staff – the lack of ready access to timely information which would help inform a clear assessment of a child's risk of abuse or neglect. The information will support the clinician in the decision making process and encourage communication with social care.

For further information, please contact Richard Griffiths by clicking [here](#)

Maternity, Child Health and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Data Set Implementation – April 2013

The System wide response emphasised that 'Reliable data that is timely and addresses the areas that matter most for pregnant women, children and young people is the absolute key'. This data set will enable allied health professionals to monitor the overall health and well-being of their population of patients and local areas and demonstrate improved clinical outcomes for pregnant women, children and teenagers.

Click [here](#) to register and automatically receive the latest information available and have the opportunity to ask questions on-line. Tools to help with your local implementation of these datasets can also be found at this site.

Sources of Information

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