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Maternity

Flu patient information leaflets now available

The following [leaflets have now been published online](#) and will soon be available to order in hard copy through the [orderline](#) or by phoning 0300 123 1002 and quoting the reference numbers on the back pages.

- **Flu, your pregnancy and you** - It's important that expectant mothers are protected against flu, at whatever stage they are in during their pregnancy. This leaflet explains why it's important and what pregnant women need to do to get protected.
- **The flu vaccination – winter 2014/15** - This leaflet describes the symptoms and cause of flu and who should have the vaccination this coming winter.

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Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Years

CANparent - Quality Marked Parenting Classes

Making parenting classes an accessible, normal part of family life continues to be a high priority for ministers. CANparent is a consortium supporting the delivery of quality mark approved universal parenting classes to help parents and parents-to-be prepare for the everyday challenges of family life, supporting positive outcomes for families and children. CANparent offers online and group classes across the country, while continuing to do focused work in the trial areas of High Peak, Camden, Bristol and Middlesbrough.

To consider commissioning parenting classes from CANparent providers or to raise awareness of CANparent with expectant and or new parents, click [here](#) or call 0808 800 1102.

ASQ-3™ and the Healthy Child Programme review at age 2-2½

The Department of Health is developing a population measure to show child development at 2-2½ years, to be included in the public health outcomes framework from 2015. The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3™) will be used to generate data for the indicator, with ASQ-Social Emotional (ASQ: SE) incorporated at a later stage. Health visiting teams need to be using ASQ-3™ as part of Healthy Child Programme reviews for 2-2½ year olds from 2015.

An e-learning session to support health professionals using ASQ-3™ will be available on the e-learning for healthcare website shortly. A British English adaptation of ASQ-3™ will be available from October 2014.

For further information, please contact Penny Crouzet by clicking [here](#).

The National Infant Feeding Network

The National Infant Feeding Network (NIFN) of nine infant feeding specialists promotes and shares evidence-based practice to health professionals across England.

Their latest quarterly newsletter provides updates and information, including a special report on data collection. A copy can be found by clicking [here](#) and for further information click [here](#)

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Child Health

Consultation – Refreshing the NHS Outcomes Framework 2015-2016

On 6 August the Department of Health launched a consultation exercise seeking comments on current proposals and long term plans for the NHS Outcomes Framework (NHSOF). The NHSOF measures performance in the health and care system and presents a national-level narrative on how the NHS in England is working. One of the four main areas of the NHSOF on which specific questions are asked in the consultation is children and young people.

The consultation exercise closes at noon on 12 September. The consultation documents are available [here](#)

Getting inspections right for children and young people

Professor Sir Mike Richards, Chief Inspector of Hospitals at the Care Quality Commission (CQC) recently asked Dr Sheila Shribman, former National Clinical Director for children, young people and maternity at the Department of Health, to advise of how CQC inspects hospital services for children and young people including stand-alone specialist children's hospitals.

Dr Shribman's report, which was published on 4 August, made 73 recommendations and CQC has accepted 70 in whole or part and are deferring making a decision on the remaining three.

Dr Shribman's report and CQC's response are available [here](#)

Department of Health Child Health Twitter Feed

The DH child health team now has its own Twitter account @DHChildHealth Please follow for updates on child health issues.

Childhood flu immunisation programme: update and provisional roll-out schedule

NHS England along with the Department of Health and Public Health England have provided an update on the extension of the seasonal flu immunisation programme to all children aged 2-4 years old. NHS area teams, directors of public health, and local education and training boards (LETBs) will need to take the requirements for this programme into account as plans for commissioning and workforce capacity are developed for 2015/16 and beyond.

The tripartite letter provides a full update and provisional roll-out schedule from 2013/14 to 2018/19 click [here](#) and the pilot feedback from 2013 to 2014 click [here](#) provides information for healthcare practitioners about the pilot vaccination programmes for seasonal flu.

Feedback sought for Child Health Profiles 2015

Earlier this year, Public Health England published [Child Health Profiles](#) 2014 for each top tier local authority in England. PHE is currently reviewing the content of last year's profiles and inviting stakeholders to complete a short [survey](#) on the priorities they would like to see reflected next year.

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Vulnerable Children

Child Protection – Information Sharing (CP-IS) project

CP-IS is expected to roll out shortly to first wave NHS and local authority sites, once the transition of NHS Spine 2 core services is complete. More information on CP-IS is available on the Health & Social Care Information Centre website by clicking [here](#)

Jimmy Savile NHS investigations

On 26 June, the Department of Health published the reports of a number of investigations into the role of Jimmy Savile in the NHS. Further reports will follow in the autumn. To view the reports, click [here](#)

Child sexual abuse – inquiries announced by the Home Office

On 7 July, the Home Secretary announced an independent inquiry panel to consider whether, and the extent to which, public bodies and other non-state institutions have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse.

She also announced a review of the independent investigations, commissioned in 2013 by the Home Office's Permanent Secretary, to look at whether the Home Office received any information about organised child sex abuse between 1979 to 1999, and whether the Home Office had ever funded the Paedophile Information Exchange. To view the Home Secretary's oral statement to the House of Commons, click [here](#)

Child sexual abuse – Office of the Children's Commissioner Inquiry

The Office of the Children's Commissioner launched a national Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment in July. The inquiry will assess the scale and nature of child sexual abuse in the family environment in England, assess inter-agency and individual practice for preventing and responding to it, and make recommendations for improving prevention, identification, child protection and law enforcement responses, and therapeutic intervention. For more information, click [here](#)

Recent reports of interest

Adfam, the national umbrella organisation working to improve the quality of life for families affected by drug and alcohol use, published a report on *Medications in drug treatment: tackling the risks to children* in April. It highlights twenty serious case reviews over the last decade involving the ingestion of methadone and other drug treatment medications by children. To view the report, click [here](#)

In June, the social policy think tank, the Centre for Social Justice, published a report, *Enough is Enough*, on child protection and mental health services for children and young people. To view the report, click [here](#)

The University of York and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children published the final report of a study, *Keeping children safe: allegations concerning the abuse or neglect of children in care*, in June. It provides new UK evidence on the number of allegations against foster carers and residential social workers and the proportion of these that are substantiated, the extent and nature of confirmed abuse and neglect in foster and residential care, and the characteristics of the children and adults concerned. To view the report, click [here](#)

Child and family social work – DfE consultation

The Department for Education launched a consultation on a draft statement of knowledge and skills for child and family social work on 31 July. The consultation closes on 9 October. To view the draft statement and consultation document, click [here](#)

NICE quality standard on the health and wellbeing of looked after children and young people

You may be interested to see a short film aimed at children and young people in care.

The film looks at the lives and experiences of a group of young people from the North East of England who are, or have experienced being, in care. The group explore why each quality statement is important to them and how they can relate to the statements in the context of their personal experience of being in care.

The film can help looked after children and young people understand and use the NICE quality standard. It is also useful for practitioners working with looked after children and young people.

The film is available to view [here](#)

UK Girl Summit

In July the Prime Minister hosted the first UK Girl Summit, to mobilise efforts to end FGM and child, early and forced marriage, where DH announced its £1.4m national FGM Prevention Programme to improve the NHS response to FGM:

- Looking at NHS best practice to build into national standards.
- Improving information about patients with/at risk of FGM by extending FGM data collection.
- Developing standards for information exchange and expanding beyond hospital trusts.
- Working with NHS agencies to develop FGM training, accessible without charge for NHS.

NHS organisations will be legally required to comply. Details will be announced in due course.

For further information click [here](#) or [here](#)

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III Children and Children with Disabilities

Support for Children and Young People with SEND

On 1 September, local authorities will begin to implement a new system of support for children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND). The government is making an additional £45.2 million available to local authorities in 2014-2015, and intends to make £31.7 million available in 2015-2016 to meet additional local authority costs incurred in implementing the SEND reforms.

Details of the grant each local authority will receive are available [here](#). This new funding is in addition to support already provided including:

- £70 million SEN reform grant allocated to local authorities in 2014-2015
- £30 million for independent supporters planned between April 2014 and March 2016
- the package of support available to local authorities through the SEND pathfinder champions and delivery partners

On 10 June, the Department for Education published draft transitional arrangements guidance [here](#) to support local authorities in planning for implementation of the new system.

Disabled young people's employment portal

The Department for Work & Pensions young disabled people's employment portal has gone live on Gov.uk. It is intended to help signpost young people, their parents and professionals who support them, who may be subject, but not necessarily disability experts, to advice and ideas to help young disabled people successfully navigate the transition to work.

It will be a living resource with scheduled updates - for example the next iteration is intended to feature downloadable information packs and a page for impairment specific guides (such as those co-produced by the National Deaf Children's Society and Skills Development Scotland and the guide recently launched by the Royal London Society for Blind People). The portal can be found by clicking [here](#)

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Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce

On 10 July 2014, NHS England published the findings of its review into Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (Tier 4 CAMHS). In response, the Minister for Care Services, Norman Lamb has asked us to convene the Children and Young People's Mental Health and Well-Being Taskforce which will bring together experts on children and young people's mental health services and those with knowledge of wider system transformation from across the education, social care and health sectors. This task force will be focused intensely on solutions that improve outcomes for children and young people and their parents or carers.

More information will be available in the next bulletin.

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Conferences and Events

Transfer of 0-5 children's public health commissioning regional workshops: data and information requirements

On the 1 October 2015 the responsibility for commissioning public health services for 0-5 year olds will transfer from NHS England to local authorities. Public Health England is organising a series of regional workshops to explore the data, information and supporting IT aspects.

The aim of the workshops is to make sure that the relevant data and information which is needed for the effective commissioning of children's public health services remains available throughout the transition and beyond October 2015. For more details about the workshops including how to register visit <https://www.phe-events.org.uk/0-5childrensph>

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Sources of Information

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