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National Maternity Ambition – Updates

In November, the Government announced a national ambition to halve the rates of stillbirths, neonatal and maternal deaths and brain injuries that occur during or soon after birth by 2030. At this time we committed to taking forward several pieces of work and lots of this work has been progressed since the announcement.

- A £2.24m capital fund to support trusts to buy monitoring or training equipment to improve safety was launched in December and in February we announced that 90 applications had been successful and would receive a share of this money.
- In early March the Department of Health hosted a successful event, 'Maternity Care: Learning Together', which brought together 150 midwives and obstetricians to share learning and best practice.
- The Department of Health launched, via Sign up to Safety, a new guidance document called '[Spotlight on Maternity](#)' which encourages all trusts with maternity services to commit publically to placing a spotlight on maternity and to contributing towards achieving the Government's national ambition.
- NHS England have published their '[Saving Babies' Lives](#)' care bundle.
- The Department of Health in England in partnership with the Scottish and Welsh Governments has funded the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) to commission a [Perinatal Mortality Review Tool](#) to review and learn from stillbirths and neonatal deaths. To register your interest in this tender please follow the [link](#) as HQIP are using e-procurement for this tender opportunity. The deadline is 3 May 2016.

Perinatal mental health

In January the Prime Minister announced additional funding of £290 million for perinatal mental health. This builds on funding announced in the March 2015 budget, making a total additional investment of £365 million from 2015/16 to 2020/21 to improve specialist perinatal mental health services.

NHS England is designing a five year transformation programme to build capacity and capability in specialist perinatal mental health services, with the aim that by 2020-21 an additional 30,000 women across England will have access to evidenced-based specialist mental health care during pregnancy and in the first year after birth, as recommended in the report of the independent Mental Health Taskforce published in February 2016 which can be found [here](#)

For further information, contact Penny Crouzet [here](#)

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Vulnerable Children

DfE reporting child abuse campaign

A Department for Education communications campaign to encourage members of the public to report child abuse and neglect, “Together, we can tackle child abuse”, went live on 29 February.

In 33 local authorities in the West Midlands and outer London, DfE will pay for out-of-home (bus stop), digital and radio advertising. The campaign poster is attached for your information. For all other areas, DfE has provided a toolkit of materials that local authorities can use to support the campaign locally. The toolkit can be found at <http://dfe.brayleino.co.uk/>.

DfE colleagues have asked if this toolkit could be shared with partners. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rob Shearer in the DfE child protection team by clicking [here](#)

NICE domestic violence and abuse quality standard

You may wish to be aware that NICE published a quality standard for domestic violence and abuse on its website on 21 March. You can view the quality standard [here](#)

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2016-2020

On the 8 March the government announced a new strategy to prevent violence against women and girls. In a radical shift from crisis response to early intervention and prevention, the government said it is to increase the committed funding to £80 million.

A new VAWG Service Transformation Fund comes into effect in 2017. This will promote projects which are leading the way in stopping violence before it happens, preventing abusive behaviour from becoming entrenched and establishing the best ways to help victims and their families. Further information is available [here](#)

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Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Local Transformation Plans

All local areas have developed Local Transformation Plans (LTPs) outlining their local offer for children and young people's mental health. NHS England successfully assured all 123 plans and as part of its quarter three monitoring process has asked clinical commissioning groups to submit the website address on which it's LTP has been published.

The Department of Health is working with NHS England and the Local Government Association to ensure that all LTPs are brought together in one place.

NHS England has carried out a quantitative analysis of the plans at regional and national levels and forms a baseline of information that includes referrals and expenditure for 2014-15. A copy of the LTP quantitative analysis can be accessed [here](#)

A qualitative analysis will be available on key themes later this year.

One Year On conference from *Future in Mind*

On 16th March, NHS England organised a 'One-year-On from *Future in Mind* - Vision to Implementation' conference. The Minister of State for Community and Social Care, Alistair Burt, gave a speech at the conference where a range of commissioners, planners and provider partners from within the NHS, Local Authority, Education and Third Sector, came together with the aim of improving children and young people's mental health. To ensure there is greater engagement on the *Future in Mind* programme of transformation, the Department of Health along with other key delivery partners are considering the establishment of a stakeholder engagement group that would bring together a wider representation of organisations on an ongoing basis.

The accompanying conference slides can be found [here](#)

MindEd Digital Risk resources launch on Safer Internet Day

On the 9th February, Ministers took to Twitter to show their support for Safer Internet Day, a celebration of over a thousand organisations getting involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The focus for the Department of Health was the new MindEd Digital Risk resources, which have been developed as a hub of information and support for all professionals who work with children and young people. The resources are live [here](#) and have attracted considerable interest on social media.

Launch of MindEd for Families

MindEd for Families was launched on 21st April; funded by the Department for Education it has been developed with families, and aimed at families, as a new site hoping to transform mental health support for relatives in difficulty and crisis. Created to provide information, advice and guidance on children and young people's mental health it looks to improve knowledge and awareness, reduce stigma and improve parents and carers' ability to intervene early in mental health issues. Click [here](#) for more information about MindEd for Families.

Association for Young People's Health (AYPH) Resilience Resource

AYPH, which brings together professionals and organisations to help improve young people's health and wellbeing and disseminate information about best practice, has published a new Resilience Resource. This resource, funded by Public Health England (PHE), and developed with input from the Early Intervention Foundation, provides a new focus on public health approaches to supporting young people's resilience.

The Resilience Resource builds on PHE's framework for young people's health, which was published in 2015. It highlights ways that services have successfully worked together, provides links to useful interventions and other resources such as [Rise Above](#), which also focuses on improving resilience and helps young people to make positive health decisions.

The Resilience Resource can be downloaded [here](#)

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Sources of Information

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