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## Maternity

### Funding announced for perinatal mental health services

On 11 January the Prime Minister set out that an additional £290 million will be made available over the next five years to 2020/21 to invest in perinatal mental health services. This builds on the initial investment announced at the Spring Budget, making a total investment from 2016/17 to 2020/21 of £365 million.

This new funding, together with the recommendations of the forthcoming report of the independent Mental Health Taskforce (details in the next edition), will enable NHS England to design a broader transformation programme to build capacity and capability in specialist perinatal mental health services, with the aim of enabling women in all areas of England to access NICE-concordant care by 2020/21.

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## Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Years

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## Child Health

### National Framework for Children and Young People's Continuing Care

The revised National Framework for Children and Young People's Continuing Care has been published [here](#). The Framework is intended to provide guidance for clinical commissioning groups when assessing the needs of children and young people (up to their 18th birthday) whose complex needs cannot be met by universal or specialist health services.

### Date announced for ERIC's Paediatric Continence Care Conference 2016

ERIC, The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity has announced the date for this year's Paediatric Continence Care Conference titled *Right Time, Right Place, Right Care*. The

conference, which takes place every two years, will be held on Wednesday 12th October at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole.

The one day conference will showcase new research in the field of childhood and adolescent bowel and bladder health, highlight the impact of continence problems on the everyday lives of children and teenagers, and discuss innovative approaches to managing problems.

Register now and take advantage of the early bird rate ending 30th April. Spaces are limited. For full details of the conference programme and speakers and to register click [here](#)

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## **Vulnerable Children**

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## **Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing**

### **Education Select Committee Inquiry into the Mental Health of Looked After Children**

The Education Select Committee's inquiry into the mental health and wellbeing of looked after children is underway. The inquiry will ask whether the [joint Department for Education and Department of Health guidance on promoting the health and wellbeing of looked after children](#) (March 2015) is sufficient to ensure that mental health and wellbeing are prioritised for children in care and care leavers.

Alistair Burt, Minister of State for Community and Social Care and Edward Timpson, Minister of State for Children and Families gave oral evidence to the Committee on Wednesday 3rd February. The Committee's report is expected in March.

### **CAMHS Open Outreach Platform (CO-OP)**

We are investing £1 million from funds supporting innovation to develop CO-OP, a digital platform that hosts clinically-relevant apps which support mental health diagnosis and treatment. This includes digitised versions of PREMs, appointment reminders, and interactive mood assessments. Apps will be clinically assessed by the Anna Freud Centre's Evidence Based Practice Unit before being added to CO-OP.

Accessed on mobiles, tablets and desktops, CO-OP transfers information automatically onto NHS IT systems and Personal Health Records or to schools and VCS organisations, following patient consent.

This year it is being trialled in Liverpool and Leeds, ready for deployment nationally in 2017.

## **Children and Young People’s Mental Health Takeover Day – 9 December**

Twenty five young people from around the country participated in a Takeover Challenge in Richmond House. This included Q&A with Alistair Burt led by the young people, who also had the opportunity to see the Minister in action at the Opposition Day debate in the House.

The young people also gave feedback on the Youth Select Committee’s [report](#) into young people mental health, and their views will be included in the official government response. They also evaluated the [Youth Mental Health Hub](#) and the latest [Time To Change](#) anti-stigma and presented their feedback at the end of the day.

### **Children and Policy Research Unit: Growing up happy in England**

The Children and Parent Research Unit, in partnership with Population Policy and Practice Programme at the UCL Institute of Child Health, held a very good ‘Growing up happy in England’ event on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015. This focussed on evidence based approaches to wellbeing and implications for policy, presentation abstract and videos from the day can be found [here](#)

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