

Commissioning in the new NHS for children, young people and their families

Key success factors

- ❑ Commissioning is informed by active **engagement with children, young people and families** using methods appropriate for them
- ❑ Commissioning is planned and **coordinated across the whole spectrum of child's health needs**, with key transitions from maternity and into adult services, and with related services meeting their wider needs including education and children's services
- ❑ Commissioning plans are achieved through effective engagement with **Health and Wellbeing Boards** and clear alignment with local JSNA and JHWS that clearly set out the needs of children and young people
- ❑ There is **clear accountability** within all commissioning organisations for commissioning child health services
- ❑ Commissioners have effective access to appropriate **clinical expertise** on children, including from providers
- ❑ Commissioning plans take a **patient centred perspective** and consider the needs of the family and the context in which the children and young people live, including the need to support them in education
- ❑ Commissioners ensure that care is delivered in **age appropriate settings** using standards like "You're Welcome"
- ❑ There is clarity on the totality of **funding** available to meet local children and young people's needs across all relevant commissioners
- ❑ Commissioners understand the whole **lifecourse** and the impact of health and wellbeing in childhood, particularly maternity and the early years, on health in adult life and on health inequalities
- ❑ The needs of particularly **vulnerable or at risk groups** of children and young people are fully considered

Vision

Commissioners ensure that the health and wellbeing outcomes of children, young people and their families are improved

Commissioners of all children's health and care – NHS and LA – together assess needs, plan and coordinate commissioning to create high quality, integrated pathways of care for all children and young people out of maternity and right through into adult services

Key elements of the pathway

Commissioners should think about the following key elements:

- **Primary care** – with GPs and their teams prepared and trained to work effectively with children, young people and their families
- Appropriate access for children and young people to **Community Children's services**, such as children's community nursing teams, structured so they can provide acute and palliative care in home settings and support the management of long term conditions and mental health
- Access to effective **public health services** including support for children, young people and families, especially new parents, through health visitors and family nurse partnerships and school nursing and mental health promotion
- **Secondary care services** – mental health, general paediatrics and surgery, configured in a way that provides sustainable services, including:
 - Fully staffed 24 hour paediatric services
 - 8 to late services close to home
 - Safe general, acute and specialist surgical services with paediatric trained anaesthetist input
- Safe and sustainable **specialist care** through highly specialised services which are comprehensive and located in strategic sites

Resources:

ChiMat has a range of resources for commissioners including the PREview tool and data atlas which provides ready analysis and presentation of local, regional and national data over time. www.chimat.org.uk

The National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services (DH, 2004) still provides the most comprehensive standards for high quality integrated care from pregnancy right through to adulthood

The NHSCB is developing a range of commissioning resources which can and should be applied to child health services just as to adult services www.commissioningboard.nhs.uk

Key LA Public Health commissioning responsibilities
Healthy Child Programme for school-age children, including school nursing
Contraception (over and above what GPs provide) Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, sexual health advice, prevention and promotion
Mental health promotion, mental illness prevention and suicide prevention
Local programmes to address physical inactivity and promote physical activity
Local programmes to prevent and address obesity, including National Child Measurement Programme and weight management services
Drug misuse services, prevention and treatment
Alcohol misuse services, prevention and treatment
Local smoking related activity, including stop smoking services and prevention activity
Locally-led initiatives on nutrition
Population level interventions to reduce and prevent birth defects (with PHE)
Dental – oral health promotion

Key CCG commissioning responsibilities
Children's healthcare services
Maternity Services (and routine newborn services)
CAMHS
Adult mental health services
Community health services, including speech and language, continence, wheelchair services and home oxygen services (except for public health services such as health visiting and family nursing)
Elective hospital care
Urgent and emergency care, including A&E and ambulance services (for anyone present in their geographic area), out-of-hours primary medical services except where retained by practices
Services for people with learning disabilities
NHS Continuing healthcare
Infertility services

Key NHS CB commissioning responsibilities: public health
Public health services for children from pregnancy to age 5 (Healthy Child Programme 0-5) , including health visiting and family nurse partnership and responsibility for Child Health Information Systems (responsibility for children's public health 0-5 due to transfer to LAs in 2015)
Immunisation programmes
National Screening programmes
Public health services for those in prison or places of detention
Sexual assault referral services

Key NHS CB commissioning responsibilities: healthcare
Primary medical services commissioned under the GP contract, out of hours where retained by practices
Pharmaceutical services provided by community pharmacy services, dispensing doctors and appliance contractors
NHS sight tests and optical vouchers
Dental services
All health services for children, young people and adults in prisons and other custodial settings (adult prisons, young offender institutions, juvenile prisons, secure children's homes, secure training centres, immigration removal centres, police custody suites)
Health services for families of members of the armed forces (where they are registered with Defence Medical Services) (Primary care for members of the armed forces will be commissioned by the Ministry of Defence)
Specialised and highly specialised services