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Maternity

NHS Numbers for Babies

The NHS Numbers for Babies (NN4B) service will close on 30 June 2014. Beyond this date, birth notifications will be sent or received via the Personal Demographics Service (PDS) only.

Lorenzo, the first PDS compliant system, was deployed to the University Hospital of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust on 22 July 2013. The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) is working with the remaining suppliers to migrate maternity and child health systems from NN4B to PDS.

HSCIC recommend that healthcare staff using maternity and child health systems proactively monitor supplier progress and liaise with their IT system provider on a regular basis to obtain information on system development progress.

If you have any question regarding the NN4B migration project, please contact the NN4B migration mailbox by clicking [here](#)

For further information, please click [here](#)

Information Service for Parents

The Government launched the Information Service for Parents (ISP) in May 2012 to enable parents-to-be and new parents to sign up to receive regular free emails, videos and SMS messages offering high quality NHS advice and information to parents based on the stage of pregnancy or the age of the child. The service now has over 200,000 subscribers and an evaluation document has been published reporting on the first ten months of the service.

The ISP has proven to be a popular information source for parents and can be accessed by clicking [here](#) www.nhs.uk/parents

The press release can be accessed by clicking [here](#)

The evaluation report is available by clicking [here](#)

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Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Years

Public health outcome indicator – child development at 2-2½ years

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. Stakeholders have recommended that the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) is the way forward for collecting data for the indicator, with ASQ-Social Emotional (ASQ-SE) to be incorporated at a later stage. ASQ -3 will therefore need to be included in Healthy Child Programme reviews for 2-2½ year olds, or integrated reviews where these take place, in all areas by the end of 2015. We are doing further work on data collection and on workforce training to support roll-out by 2015.

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

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Child Health

Children and Young People’s Health Outcomes Forum – Annual Summit

The Children and Young People’s Health Outcomes Forum held its Annual Summit on 24 and 25 September. The Forum is an independent expert advisory group of professionals and representatives from across the children’s sector. The Forum works together to provide expertise, constructive challenge and evidence based advice and recommendations on improving children and young people’s health outcomes.

Throughout the Summit, Forum members heard from key system leaders across the health and care system about the work that their organisations are doing to improve children and young people’s health and what progress has been in implementing the recommendations in the Forum’s report, published in July 2012. A copy of this report and the Government’s system wide response can be found through the following links:

Forum report click [here](#)

System-wide response click [here](#)

The Forum plan to publish their next Annual Report early in 2014

Our Children Deserve Better: Prevention Pays

The Chief Medical Officer, Dame Sally Davies, published Volume 2 of her 2012 Annual Report on 24 October. The report calls on government, the whole health service, social care and education professionals to take action and make improvements now. It highlights a strong economic case for doing more, sooner. In addition to improvements on physical health, the report highlights the need for society to support children to build emotional resilience, supporting children through better communication to learn from their mistakes and deal with life's inevitable 'ups and downs'.

The report can be found by clicking [here](#) For further information click [here](#)

The refreshed Mandate to NHS England for 2014/15

The refreshed Mandate to NHS England for 2014/15 was published on 12 November. It will come into effect from 1 April 2014 and was developed following the public consultation which ran from 5 July to 27 September 2013.

This Mandate sets an ambitious agenda to transform patient care. Changes have been kept to an essential minimum to provide NHS England with stability and ensure that the Mandate remains strategic, outcomes-focused and affordable. One of the few additions is taking forward the *Better health outcomes for children and young people* pledge, reflecting NHS England's contribution to improving the physical and mental health outcomes for all children and young people.

For the refreshed Mandate please click [here](#)

The Pledge can be found [here](#)

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Vulnerable Children

Care Leaver Strategy

On 29 October, the Department for Education published the Care Leaver Strategy. This cross-departmental strategy document sets out in one place the steps the government is taking – from housing to health services, from the justice system to educational institutions – to support care leavers to live independently once they have left their placement. It includes a wide range of commitments from government to improve the help and support available to young people leaving care across all areas of life.

For a copy of the Strategy please click [here](#) For further information click [here](#)

Care Quality Commission – child safeguarding and looked after children inspection programme

The Care Quality Commission (CQC), Ofsted and the other inspectorates are developing plans to introduce multi-agency inspections of local arrangements for safeguarding children and for looked after children in 2015. In the meantime, on 30 September CQC, commenced a new inspection programme, to run to April 2015. It will focus on evaluating the quality and impact of local health arrangements for safeguarding children and improving the health and wellbeing of looked after children and care leavers.

Further information can be found by clicking [here](#) and for queries please click [here](#)

NHS Choices – health services for adopted children

NHS Choices has launched on its website information and case studies on the health and wellbeing of adopted children and adoptive parents. The new content aims to raise awareness of adoption as a parenting choice and signposts to the support and services available on adoption health issues, such as services that offer specialist support for children with complex mental health issues.

For further information please click [here](#) or email Richard Griffiths [here](#)

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