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### Maternity Services Data Set

The Maternity Services Data Set (MSDS) Information Standards Notice (ISN), that mandates the national collection of the MSDS, has now been published and is available [here](#).

The MSDS was approved by the new Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI) Board on April 30<sup>th</sup>. SCCI replaces the Information Standards Board (ISB) and is a sub-group of the National Information Board (NIB). Further details about SCCI can be found [here](#).

The ISN requires that maternity information systems **must** be fully conformant with the standard by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014. Maternity service providers **must** collect data locally from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014, with central submissions commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

The Health and Social Care Information Centre have organised two events which are scheduled to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> June in Leeds and 18<sup>th</sup> June in London. These are to support providers and system suppliers in implementing the new standard. Please contact [enquiries@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hscic.gov.uk) if you wish to register for these.

### The Young Women's Guide to Pregnancy

The successful Tommy's 'Young Women's Guide to Pregnancy' has been revised and updated and is available to order free by clicking [here](#).

Aimed at pregnant women under the age of 20 years, this guide has been supporting young women for over 5 years and has become a staple resource for those working with pregnant teenagers. Keeping its magazine style, with lots of case studies, quotes and images, the guide has kept what worked well for young women but has additional information about caring for baby immediately after birth. A crucial resource for any young pregnant woman, with additional signposting and sources of specific support included.

All of Tommy's resources are covered by the Information Standard and are developed in conjunction with women, academic experts and maternity health professionals. For anyone working with young pregnant smokers, you may also be interested in the following resource which provides information about smoking in pregnancy click [here](#)

## **Case Studies for Mental Health in Pregnancy**

Tommy's are currently preparing resources on the topic of emotional health and wellbeing during pregnancy. They are looking for women and their families who have experience of mental health problems during pregnancy and the early period after birth who might be willing to provide information as a case study as part of this work.

They need case studies for use across their print, digital and possible film media and can either be anonymous or named depending on the family involved and their preference. If you know of anyone who might be interested in supporting Tommy's work in this way please drop an email [here](#) to express interest. All emails will be followed up with an initial chat providing further information before proceeding any further.

## **Maternal Mental Health – Everyone's Business Campaign**

The Maternal Mental Health Alliance (MMHA) is a coalition of over fifty UK organisations, committed to improving the mental health and wellbeing of women and their children in pregnancy and the first postnatal year. The MMHA have secured funding from Comic Relief to run a three year national campaign: Maternal Mental Health - Everyone's Business. The campaign's key objectives are to raise the profile of perinatal mental illness, improve commissioning/delivery of services and showcase best practice.

Watch this space for our website launch which will feature toolkits, statistics, case studies and specialist perinatal mental health service mapping in July!  
For more information about the MMHA please click [here](#)

## **NHS Screening Programmes launch new Student Midwife Resource Pack**

A new updated resource has been produced by the UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) to support midwives' and other professionals' learning around the NHS antenatal and new-born screening programmes. It provides them with a pocket and diary sized set of resources to assist when discussing the screening programmes with women and their families, helping them to make informed choices, and provides links to the education and training resources developed by the UK NSC to support further learning.

An electronic version of the pack can be found [here](#)

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## Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Years

### Maternity and Child Health: Action Required

From 31 December 2014 the [Personal Demographics Service \(PDS\)](#) will replace the NHS Numbers for Babies service. In order to achieve this decommissioning date, all maternity and child health units must be using a PDS compliant system by 30 November 2014. Please note that this is a continuation of the service beyond the previously announced date. The Health and Social Care Information Centre advise that organisations liaise with their system provider to confirm their migration plans. Read the full bulletin [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 their Annual Summit on 4-5 June. This follows the recent publication of the Forum's Annual Report, which took stock of progress in improving children and young people's health outcomes; set out six key challenges to health system organisations; and outlined the Forum's work programme for 2014/15. The report is available by clicking [here](#)

The Summit provided the Forum with an opportunity to hear from key system leaders on progress that has been made, and to begin their new work programme. The Summit included:

- discussions with young people on what a positive culture means for young people in a health context and how they would like to be involved in the Forum's future work.
- a discussion between the Forum and Health Education England on ensuring a fit for purpose workforce for children and young people;
- a review of the health outcomes that are relevant to children and an examination of regional variation and inequalities; in response to the Chief Medical Officer's recommendation in her annual report 2012 which can be found [here](#)
- a focus on how information sharing and data linkage could improve children and young people's health outcomes.

## **Children with Complex Health Needs**

For information on the Foundation for People with Learning Difficulties project 'An Ordinary Life' which looked at the challenges faced by children and young people with complex health needs, please click [here](#).

## **Publication of Government Report: review of UK compliance with the UN Convention on Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**

The UNCRC was ratified in the UK in 1991 and every 3-4 years there is a periodic review of progress towards the aims of the Convention.

Department for Education led on this wide ranging report summarising improvements in provision of information, health, care and services to children and young people. Key areas which Department of Health contributed included improving children and young people's health, increase in Health Visitor numbers and reference to Family Nurse Partnership programme, transition, mental health and new arrangement for Special Educational Needs and Disability. The report is now available [here](#)

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## **Children and Young People's Health Services Data Set**

The Children and Young People's Health Services (CYPHS) data set is now due to be submitted to the November 2014 Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI) board meeting for approval, with first submissions commencing in July 2015. This delay has enabled the introduction of clinical coding into the data set, as well as the provision to record data about childhood disabilities and scored assessments.

Events to support the development of the CYPHS data set are already underway; however additional events to support data set implementation will be announced once the ISN has been published.

Additional details about the development of both data sets can be found on the HSCIC's website [here](#).

## **Snapshot of Innovative Practice in Primary and First Access Care**

The National Children's Bureau has published *Opening the door to better healthcare: A snapshot of innovations in primary and first access care for children and young people*.

This report discusses some of the innovations being taken forward by GPs and others to improve children's access to and experience of primary care. It also includes examples of broader multi-professional collaboration and innovation to ensure that more children with minor ailments are treated in the right place at the right time. For further information click [here](#)

## **National Review of Asthma Deaths (NRAD) launches *Why asthma still kills* report and key recommendations**

The NRAD, a confidential enquiry that sought to understand circumstances surrounding asthma deaths in the UK, has published its *Why asthma still kills* report. It found deficiencies in routine care of asthma and treatment of attacks; with 'room for improvement' in care received by 83% of those who died and that nearly half did not seek medical help or died before emergency care could be provided. Improvements are needed so that both patients and healthcare professionals are better at recognising the signs of deterioration in asthma, and at acting quickly when faced with a potentially fatal asthma attack.

The full report, its executive summaries and appendices can be found [here](#)

If you have any queries regarding the NRAD or its report please email [here](#).

## **Child Mortality**

Whilst child mortality has been decreasing in the UK it has not been doing so at the same rate as in its Western European counterparts. Two recent reports have examined this issue.

In May the RCPCH and NCB published *Why Children Die* (click [here](#)) which reviewed existing UK evidence on child deaths and their causes.

On 12 June *The Lancet* (click [here](#)) published findings that show that the UK has failed to match the gains made by 17 other high-income countries in the European Union, Australia, Canada and Norway (EU15+) in reducing deaths in children and young adults since 1970.

### **Safeguarding Children – Roles and Competences Framework**

The Royal Colleges and other health professional bodies have updated the intercollegiate framework, Safeguarding children and young people: roles and competences for health care staff, to reflect the NHS reforms. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health published the third edition in April 2014.

To view the framework, click [here](#) and search for ‘Safeguarding children and young people: roles and competences for health care staff’

### **Health Assessments for Looked After Children – National Tariff**

A mandatory national currency, with a non-statutory tariff, came into effect in April 2013 for statutory health assessments for looked after children placed out of area. The national tariff itself has now become statutory from April 2014. Details are set out in the 2014/15 National Tariff Payment System, published by Monitor and NHS England (see page 76 of the main document and also page 95 of Annex 4A and page 6 of Annex 5A).

To view the National Tariff document and annexes, click [here](#).

### **St. Mary’s Centre 13th Annual Conference 2015**

The St Mary's Centre 13th Annual Conference on “Rape, the Brain and Mental Health - Impact, services and care for victims will take place at Manchester Town Hall on February 26th and 27th 2015. To find out more and book your place contact Charlotte Batra by clicking [here](#)

### **Child Sexual Exploitation**

On 3 April, BASHH published “Spotting the Signs” which is a guidance document partly funded by the Department of Health to enable sexual health professionals to use a standardised approach to identify and act on the warning signs of CSE. “Spotting the Signs” is designed to be integrated into existing history taking frameworks for sexual and social health. It supports conversations with young people around CSE. For more information click [here](#)

## Domestic Abuse Seminar

The Academy for Justice Commissioning is hosting a free seminar in Manchester on 1 May 2014 at Manchester Metropolitan University on Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Commissioning: Lessons for Policy and Practice. If you would like to attend this free seminar, please email [here](#) Please note you must be a member of the Academy to attend an event. Membership is free and details of how to join can be found on the Academy for Social Justice website [here](#)

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## III Children and Children with Disabilities

### SEN and Disability Code of Practice

On Wednesday 11 June, the Government published the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice, Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations and the Government's response to consultation on those documents. Click [here](#)

The Code, which provides guidance to local authorities, clinical commissioning groups, early years providers, schools and colleges on carrying out their duties under part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014, has been laid before Parliament for approval

The availability of the Code, Regulations and information about transitional arrangements will help local authorities and their partners, early years providers, schools, colleges and those working with children, young people and parents in further developing their plans for implementing the reforms from September 2014 onwards.

### Transition to adulthood

On Monday 9 June the Care Quality Commission and SCOPE published *From the pond into the sea. Children's transition to adult health services*, a report on a study of the experience of young people with disabilities and long-term health needs in making the transition to adult care and support. Click [here](#)

The report finds that young people who have physical disabilities or illnesses and so rely on lots of therapies and treatments, are not always receiving the necessary care and support when they move on to adult care services, despite guidance being available for the last ten years.

The process of transition can be a vulnerable time for young people and their families as they stop receiving health services that they have had since birth or a very young

age and move on to the equivalent adult services, which can be structured and funded differently.

The regulator has found that there are problems with the transition process with some children's services stopping before their equivalent adult services have started, that families are confused and distressed by the lack of information and support given to them, and that generally, people's experiences of this process varies across England.

In response, CQC has set four priorities for action:

- Commissioners and providers must listen to, involve and learn from young people and their families about what they want from their care
- Existing national guidance must be followed so that young people are appropriately supported through their transition
- GPs should be more involved, and at an earlier stage, in planning for transition
- Services must be tailored to meet the needs of young people transferring from children's health services and include extra training for healthcare staff, such as community nurses, in caring for young people.

As part of CQC's new approach to inspection which will begin from October, CQC will investigate transition arrangements when it visits primary and community healthcare services. Its findings will be reflected in the overall rating – of Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement, or Inadequate – that CQC will award to services. These ratings will celebrate best practice and hold providers to account to make improvements.

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