

Health and Wellbeing Boards and Children, Young People and Families

Key Success Factors

- A local partnership dedicated to children and young people (linked into the Governance of Health and Wellbeing Boards) is essential
- Commissioning of NHS services for children and young people must sit alongside commissioning of all services for children (the concept of holistic commissioning)
- Health and Wellbeing Boards should prioritise interventions for children and young people which are proven to work
- Commissioning of services should be informed by views of children, young people and families
- Health and Wellbeing Boards should ensure a focus on early intervention

Key Strategic Questions and Challenges for Boards

- Does the Health and Wellbeing Board link effectively with the local Children's Trust and Safeguarding Board to ensure cohesive governance and leadership across the children's agenda?
- Does the Health and Wellbeing Board have an agreed process to ensure children's issues receive sufficient focus?
- Has the Health and Wellbeing Board contributed to defining the early help offer, as recommended by Professor Munro?
- Is the Health and Wellbeing Board making appropriate use of local mechanisms to listen to the views of children, young people and families?
- Does the local Health and Wellbeing Strategy analyse and prioritise the health needs of children and describe success?
- Has the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed models of local integration which are proven to work?
- Has the Health and Wellbeing Board got an agreed method of engaging with schools?
- Has the Health and Wellbeing Board got a clear plan to maximise the use of public assets (children's centres, schools, youth services, health centres etc.) to improve health outcomes for children?
- Is the Health and Wellbeing Board satisfied that the Common Assessment Framework is sufficiently embedded in the local partnership?

Vision

That Health and Well-Being Boards make an effective contribution to improving health and well-being outcomes for children and young people

Signposts to Resources

- The Department of Health Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Strategy (due to be published in July 2012)
- A plethora of Local Government Association resources, collated by the LGA – www.local.gov.uk/childrens-health
- Local authority child health priorities (published by the Child and Maternal Health Observatory - ChiMat) – www.chimat.org.uk/profiles
- The NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare for Children and Young People - www.chimat.org.uk/variation
- NHS Confederation review of policy documents on children and young people's health and wellbeing – www.local.gov.uk/childrens-health
- Assured Safeguarding – GP and Health Leader Edition (safeguarding advice for GP and health leaders developed by the East Midlands group of Directors of Children's Services) – www.jriep.com
- Commissioning Child Health and Wellbeing Services (information and guidance framework developed by the East of England Strategic Network for Child Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Champions) – [EOE Info and guidance framework](http://www.eoe.gov.uk/info-and-guidance-framework)
- National Institute for health research (for health related research materials) – www.nihr.ac.uk

The Spectrum of Children's Health Needs

Taken from the project scope of the Department of Health Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum

- Health promotion and improvement
- Primary Care
- Children with poor mental health
- Urgent Care for Children with acute illness
- Children with long term conditions
- Children with complex health needs
- Children with disabilities
- Looked after children
- Palliative care
- Ensuring the use of medicines for children optimises health outcomes
- The health sector's contribution to safeguarding children
- The health sector's contribution to support for troubled families

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