

Children's Integrated Commissioning Hub (ICH) - Commissioning Framework on a Page

What is the ICH?

The ICH is a single point of coordination for integrated commissioning relating to children's health and wellbeing. Established to reduce duplication, enable whole system planning, provide clear accountability and promote effective engagement, we operate on behalf of Nottinghamshire's clinical commissioning groups and Nottinghamshire County Council, including Public Health services.

Our Vision

We want Nottinghamshire to be a place where children are safe, healthy and happy, where everyone enjoys a good quality of life and where everyone can achieve their potential. Through integrated commissioning, we will work together with children, young people and their families (CYPF) and use a 'whole systems' approach to improve the planning and commissioning of services.

Our Principles

- Keep CYP safe
- Ensure CYPF participate meaningfully
- Work with fair, open and transparent processes
- Improve outcomes for CYPF
- Focus on early intervention and prevention
- Promote equality
- Deliver efficiencies and quality
- Achieve value for money

Our Responsibilities

Children's health services are complex and inter-related, requiring effective working across health, social care and education services. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 increased the number of organisations responsible for commissioning health services for CYPF. The ICH was established in order to ensure effective commissioning across these organisations and avoid the risk of fragmentation of service provision.

Our Policy Areas

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Continuing Care (Personal Health Budgets)
- Disability and Special Educational Needs (Community Services)
- Health Needs of Looked After Children
- Health Services for Young Offenders in the Community
- Maternity Services
- Oral Health
- Paediatric Services
- Public Health Services (e.g. health visiting, FNP & school nursing)
- Substance Use Services for Young People
- Teenage Pregnancy

Our Commissioning Process

- The ICH manages the full commissioning process, including:
- Undertaking needs assessments
 - Reviewing services
 - Seeking service user/patient views
 - Deciding priorities
 - Designing services
 - Planning capacity
 - Shaping structure of supply
 - Managing performance
 - Decommissioning (if appropriate)

Our Key Objectives

- Provide a whole systems approach to planning and commissioning
- Develop clear processes for engaging with CYPF to inform commissioning
- Use findings from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform commissioning decisions
- Maximise quality of CYPF services
- Focus on improving health outcomes
- Reduce silo working/duplication
- Embed approaches to prevention
- Ensure services provide value and deliver quality, innovation, productivity and prevention

