

# Transfer of the 0-5 years Public Health Commissioning to Local Authorities – Information for Health Visitors

## What is happening?

Children's Public Health Commissioning responsibilities for 0-5 year olds will transfer from NHS England to Local Authorities (LAs) on **1st Oct 2015**. 0-5 Public Health Commissioning Transfer Programme Board will coordinate the transition.

### Background

The government intends that Local Authorities (LAs) will have responsibility for commissioning public health services for children aged 0 - 5yrs. This includes planning and paying for Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) a targeted services for teenage mothers.

### Mandated Services 0-5 years – Healthy Child Programme (HCP)

- 1 Antenatal Health promoting reviews
- 2 New Baby review
- 3 6-8 week assessment
- 4 1 Year review
- 5 2-2.5 yr review

### Why transfer?

1. To join up commissioning of the 0-19 age group, health, public health and local authority services.
2. Opportunities for more joined up commissioning as School Nursing, Young People with Special Educational Needs and the Disability Services (<25yrs) have already transferred to LA.

### What does it mean?

1. To support a substantial investment for building capacity in 0-5 year public health services.
2. A unique opportunity for LAs to transform and integrate health, education, social care as well as wider council-led services. This will support improving quality outcomes for children, young people, families and local communities.

Evidence shows that these are the key times to; identify needs, apply appropriate interventions, support parents/ carers and enable children to have the best start in life. Health Visitors are equipped through evidence based training to search for health needs and work collaboratively with other professionals to address identified needs. FNP also provides intensive support to vulnerable families.(DH, 2009)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>DH (2009) Heathy Child Programme. Dh. England [bit.ly/1mt4Vbb](http://bit.ly/1mt4Vbb)

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## What will not transfer?

1. Children Health Information Systems (to be reviewed in 2020)
2. 6-8wk GP check (Child Health Surveillance)

## What will 0-5 Children's Public Health Commissioning mean for the Health Visiting Service?

**Only the commissioning responsibility is being transferred. Health Visitors will continue to be employed by their current provider – in most cases this is the NHS.**

**Find out who these key people/groups are in your local area and ask what plans are being made for the transfer of 0-5 years commissioning**

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## Additional Information:

1. Local Government Association [www.local.gov.uk](http://www.local.gov.uk)
2. Department of Health factsheet: Transfer of 0 – 5 Children's Public Health Commissioning to Local Authorities
3. Department of Health (2014) Commissioning the National Healthy Child Programme [bit.ly/1pYxmzH](http://bit.ly/1pYxmzH)
4. NICE (2014) Local Government Public Health Briefings [bit.ly/1lxJP2g](http://bit.ly/1lxJP2g) and [bit.ly/1yhZdwS](http://bit.ly/1yhZdwS)
5. Department of Health (2014) 6 High impact areas [bit.ly/1wTeaRw](http://bit.ly/1wTeaRw)
6. Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) [bit.ly/1AUEWiG](http://bit.ly/1AUEWiG)