



2. How can Children's Centres help to deliver health targets? . . .

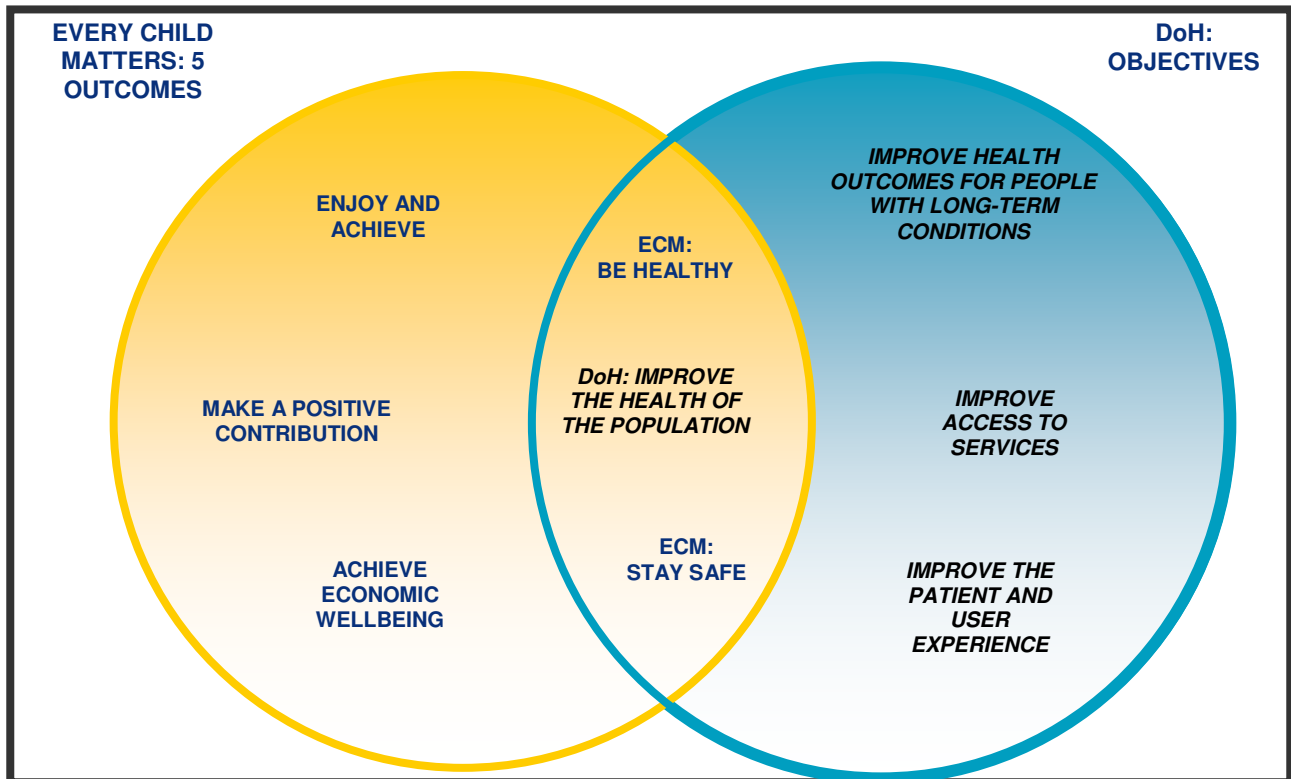
What: a planning tool to demonstrate the benefits of Health involvement in Children's Centres

How: by showing how closely Department of Health and Children's Centres objectives are aligned and by allowing you to plan how you will work locally to achieve these objectives

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This tool is designed to do two things.

It begins by showing how Every Child Matters and the Department of Health’s strategic objectives overlap:



It then goes on to consider the Department of Health’s targets in more detail, and provides an explanation of how Children’s Centres can contribute towards those targets.

You can use this tool as a practical checklist to record what you are doing locally, both from LA and Health perspectives, by filling in the blank rows at the bottom of each table.

The completed tool could then become one of your shared documents regarding service provision and joint objectives.

Please see attached excel spreadsheet for working version

DoH PSAs	IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE POPULATION							IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM CONDITIONS		IMPROVE ACCESS TO SERVICES			IMPROVE THE PATIENT AND USER EXPERIENCE				
	Substantially reduce mortality rates				Reduce health inequalities as measured by infant mortality and life expectancy at birth	Tackle the underlying determinants of health and health inequalities			Offer a personalised care plan for vulnerable people most at risk	Reduce emergency bed days through improved care in primary care and community settings for people with long-term conditions	Ensure that no one waits more than 18 weeks from GP referral to hospital treatment.	Increase the participation of problem drug users in drug treatment programmes	Increase year-on-year the proportion of users successfully sustaining or completing treatment programmes	Secure sustained national improvements in NHS patient experience as measured by independently validated surveys	Ensure that individuals are fully involved in decisions about their healthcare, including choice of provider	Improve the quality of life and independence of vulnerable older people by supporting them to live in their own homes where possible	
	Reduce deaths from heart disease and stroke and related diseases	Reduce deaths from cancer	Reduce the inequalities gap between the fifth of areas with the worst health and deprivation indicators and the population as a whole	Reduce deaths from suicide and undetermined injury		Reduce adult smoking rates	Halt the year-on-year rise in obesity among children under 11	Reduce the under-18 conception rate as part of a broader strategy to improve sexual health								Increase the proportion of older people being supported to live in their own home	Increase the proportion of those supported intensively to live at home
Can Children's Centres help?			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			
How?			Children's Centres will contribute to reducing inequalities by providing essential services in the most deprived communities such as ante-natal care, health visitors, midwifery services, drugs/alcohol services, CAMHS Services, and Adult Mental health.	Children's Centres will provide parenting advice, parenting programmes and behaviour modification sessions and support to access counselling/therapy, specialist drug/alcohol services to enable families to better meet their children's needs, thereby helping to reduce both accidental and non accidental injuries and possible progression to the care system	Children's Centres will provide health, education and childcare services to those families in the most deprived communities, thereby increasing their chances of a better quality of life	All Children's Centres must have plans in place to deliver smoking cessation support by the time they are fully operational	Children's Centres will provide useful parenting support which can include advice on child nutrition, eating healthily, sleeping, toileting, play, bonding and attachment and managing challenging behaviour	Children's Centres will provide parenting advice, with particular focus on teenage parents.	Children's Centres will be seeking to reach the most vulnerable people in their communities. They will be able to access the CAF to ensure that the needs of each child are properly assessed at as early a stage of childhood as possible in order to meet the needs of the child most comprehensively and to ensure that services are made available to meet these assessed needs. The CC is in a unique position to be at the centre of the Team Around the Child. For example, this must		All Children's Centres must have robust knowledge of statutory and voluntary sector provision in relation to drug/alcohol treatment services in order to support parents in accessing the most appropriate treatment programme for them. For some parents, signposting will be sufficient, for others a more direct approach will be indicated		Children's Centres will increase the accessibility of services to families and children, making the patient experience easier as services are delivered in a more integrated way	Children's Centres will provide a wide range of services to parents and children in their local communities, making it easier to access those health services that young families need.			
What are you doing in your Children's Centre to meet these Health targets?																	
What are you doing in your wider local Health strategy to meet these targets?																	

HEALTH PRIORITIES	COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	2007/08 NHS OPERATING FRAMEWORK	RECONFIGURATION OF SERVICES	JOINT PLANNING AND COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND MATERNITY SERVICES
	1. Seeks to help commissioners achieve strategic re-orientation towards promoting health and wellbeing 2. Encourages early investment to avoid future ill-health costs 3. Promotes need to empower people and communities to take responsibility for their own health needs 4. Encourages provision of personalised, integrated services and good partnership working	Prioritises tackling health inequalities	Many PCTs are in the process of reorganising health visitor and midwifery services, to provide a clearer focus on the needs of vulnerable and socially excluded members of the community.	Sets out the principles for developing comprehensive and integrated services for children and families Places great importance on joint plans which are based on a shared understanding of local needs.
Can Children's Centres help?	✓	✓	✓	✓
How?	Children's Centres have a remit to improve outcomes for children and families and a key part of this is to promote positive physical and mental health and emotional well being. Multi-agency teams in CCs offer integrated services which focus on the needs of the child and family - so they offer a model of service delivery that can help to achieve the vision of the commissioning framework PCTs can strengthen their patient involvement and choice agenda by drawing upon the learning from children's centres' experience of engaging with communities.	Children's Centres can make health services more visible and accessible, particularly in areas where there is poor provision of services, where there are high levels of deprivation or where there are groups that are at risk of social exclusion. The co-location of health services with childcare and early years services is a good starting point to encourage take-up. Children's centres can also contribute to tackling smoking and obesity targets as a result. CC's can also play a key role in helping improve the mental health and emotional well being of disadvantaged and vulnerable people.	Children's Centres have an emphasis on outreach to deprived members of the community. They can ensure that valuable health staff and resources are diverted to where there is greatest need. This may also support greater efficiency in service delivery by providing services to a critical mass of families in one location, for example instead of providing services from four GP surgeries it may be possible to provide services from one children's centre.	A practical example of how this might operate could be the delivery of health visiting services from children's centres, particularly if it is integrated into the PCT's overall plan for provision of this service in their locality. Children's Centres can allow PCT staff to be better able to support and shape local service delivery if they are involved in the commissioning process for children's centres in their area.
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