



## 8. Where to read more . . .

**WHAT** : An index of further reading or viewing on health and local authority joint working.

## Improving joint working: further information

There are numerous other sources of valuable information on this topic. We're listing some of the best resources below.

### **1. Delivering Health through Children's Centres: a Department of Health publication**

The Department of Health has produced new guidance on involving health in Children's Centres. This publication sets out the responsibilities of NHS organisations towards Children's Centres, ways in which Children's Centres can help deliver health priorities along with tips on building effective partnerships and examples of good practice.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_076333](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_076333)

### **2. " Families with children in Britain: findings from the 2005 Families and Children Study" : a report from the Department for Work and Pensions**

The 2005 Families and Children Study (FACS) is the seventh in a series of annual surveys to investigate the circumstances of British families with dependent children. The study began in 1999 with a survey of all lone parent families and low or moderate income couples. In 2001, the third annual study was enlarged to be representative of all families with dependent children.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep424.pdf>

### **3. Commissioning framework for Health and well-being: a Department of Health publication**

The Commissioning framework for health and well-being is published for consultation. It is aimed at commissioners and providers of services in health, social care and local authorities. It is part of the White Paper Our health our care our say implementation and we are consulting as part of the development of a final document to be published in summer 2007.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_072604](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_072604)

### **4. Facing the future: a review of the role of health visitors: a Department of Health publication**

As part of Modernising Nursing Careers (2006), the Secretary of State commissioned a review into the future role of the health visitor. The review is informed by the views of a wide range of stakeholders. The report makes a number of recommendations for the future role of health visitors.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_075642](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_075642)

**5. Supporting integrated working: outline training and strategy plan: an Every Child Matters publication**

This document describes the national core training materials that are available to support local implementation of the integrated working processes and tools (information sharing, CAF, lead professional, information sharing index) and presents an outline strategy and plan for local development and delivery of integrated working training

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/IG00066/>

**6. The leadership imperative: reforming children's services from the ground up: a DEMOS publication**

The Leadership Imperative explores the role of leadership in the emerging reforms of local children's services. It suggests that for the integration of services to work, leaders must focus upon changing the prevailing cultures of organisations, rather than altering the structure of services and hoping that working practices will naturally follow.

<http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/leadershipimperative>

**7. Making it happen: working together for children, young people and families: an Every Child Matters publication**

Making It Happen has been published to support the development and implementation of more effective front-line integrated working practice across the children's workforce.

The booklet contains clear and concise explanations of integrated working policies and uses real life examples from front-line staff to demonstrate the benefits of the tools and processes, focusing on:

- Guidance on information sharing
- Common Assessment Framework
- Lead professional
- Best practice in multi-agency working
- Development of the information sharing index

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/IG00130/>

## **8. Maternity Matters: choice, access and continuity of care in a safe service: a Department of Health publication**

Maternity matters: choice, access and continuity of care in a safe service is published today for commissioners, service providers and other organisations involved in the provision of maternity services. It builds on the maternity services commitment outlined in Our Health, Our Care, Our Say and is an important step towards meeting the maternity standard set out in the Children's NSF.

Maternity matters highlights the Government commitment to developing a high quality, safe and accessible maternity service through the introduction of a new national choice guarantee for women. This will ensure that by the end of 2009, all women will have choice around the type of care that they receive, together with improved access to services and continuity of midwifery care and support.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_073312](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_073312)

## **9. You're welcome quality criteria: making health services young people friendly: a Department of Health publication**

You're Welcome Quality Criteria set out principles that will help health services (incl. non-NHS provision) become young people friendly. It covers areas to be considered by commissioners and providers of health services.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_4121562](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4121562)

## **10. The Common Assessment Framework: an Every Child Matters publication**

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) is a key part of delivering frontline services that are integrated and focused around the needs of children and young people. The CAF is a standardised approach to conducting an assessment of a child's additional needs and deciding how those needs should be met. It can be used by practitioners across children's services in England.

The link will take you to the CAF itself as well as to a range of associated support tools.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/deliveringservices/caf/>

## **11. Children's Trusts: developing successful partnerships: a Greater Manchester Children's Network publication**

Some practical discussion about what is going well in the move towards a Children's Trust, and what is currently hindering progress.

## **12. Local Strategic Partnerships- Achieving Successful Outcomes Together: a Local Government TV programme**

Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) and Local Area Agreements (LAAs) promise huge potential to deliver major improvements in localities and in the quality of citizens' lives.

As the third round of LAAs is completed, this Expert Forum reviews progress and outcomes that have been achieved to date and looks at how Councils and their partner agencies across the sectors are addressing the many challenges that exist in successful partnership management and joint working.

This special programme provides a comprehensive guide for senior officers of local authorities and of partner agencies across healthcare, criminal justice and the third sector who are engaged in developing and delivering LSPs and LAAs.

<http://www.egovtv.tv/contentb.asp?programmedetail=1345>

## **13. Shared Services: overcoming the barriers: a Local Government TV programme**

This case study examines the advantages and practical challenges of sharing and integrating services between Rotherham Council and Primary Care Trust for Children's Services, and the practical lessons that other organisation can consider whether evolving Children's Services or other shared services initiatives.

<http://www.egovtv.tv/programmes/Shared%20Services-%20Overcoming%20the%20Barriers>

The case study looks at how both these different bodies have had to rise to challenges of adapting to a different culture, agree on new outcomes and objectives, integrate process, share information and manage confidentiality. Officers and executives of the council explain how they have managed staff change and created an integrated structure to accommodate the different organisational issues, responsibilities and governance across the Local Authority and PCT. The importance of creating a shared vision and establishing core principles is also highlighted.

#### **14. Child Health Promotion Programme**

The new updated Child Health Promotion Programme (CHPP): Pregnancy and the first five years of life was launched on 17th March 2008. It builds on the children's National Service Framework and is intended to provide preventative services tailored to the individual needs of children and families, acting as a best practice guide for children's services

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH\\_083645](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH_083645)

#### **13. Family Nurse Partnership (Evaluation)**

The independent evaluation of the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) Programme has been published. The programme enables nurses to support families, including inexperienced teenagers to improve parenting skills.

<http://www.childrens-centres.org/SupportDocuments/Family%20Nurse%20Partnership%20Programme.pdf>

#### **14. NHS Early Years Lifecheck**

Early Years LifeCheck for parents and carers with babies aged between 5-8 months. It is being designed to help you get started on a healthier life. The questions you will answer in your NHS Early Years LifeCheck will give you personalised information and useful advice about what you can do to help keep your baby healthy, happy and safe, and what you need to consider as he or she gets older.

<http://www.nhs.uk/lifecheck/>

#### **15. Implementation plan for reducing health inequalities in infant mortality: a good practice guide**

The plan is about delivering the recommendations and themes of the Health Inequalities Infant Mortality PSA Target Review (February 2007). Building on the key interventions in the review, it shows how to narrow the health inequalities gap in infant mortality by looking at current examples of good practice. The actions in this plan will contribute to meeting the target, and improving infant and child health for all disadvantaged groups.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_081337](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_081337)

#### **16. Teenage Parents – Next Steps. Guidance for LAs and PCTs**

To complement guidance sent last year to local areas on accelerating reductions in under-18 conceptions, the Department for Children, Schools and Families has launched a refreshed strategy designed to improve outcomes for teenage parents and their children.

The strategy provides guidance for local authorities and primary care trusts on the integrated services that we want each local area to provide. It also gives details about the support that will be provided nationally to assist local delivery

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/IG00250/>

#### **17. Birth to five : 2007 Edition**

Birth to Five is an easy-to-use and practical guide for parents. It gives the latest advice and information on all aspects of child health, immunisation, healthy eating, childhood illnesses and child safety.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_074924](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_074924)