

**SESLIP**

South East Sector Led  
Improvement Programme

# Children's Continuing Care

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Project summary and next steps-May 2026

# SE project has 3 elements

- Establish a SE CCC network
- Collect and analyse information and data
- Support a legal challenge to the existing CCC framework

# Network established-good buy in

- In addition to the national CCC network, SE has its own network represented by each of the 19 LAs
- Meets every 2 months
- F2F event in March
- Work programme – sharing information, developing good practice tools
  
- LAs willing to share good practice, and keen to find solutions
- Working with health partners and others imperative

# Information and data

- No formal CCC data reporting requirement currently but NHSE will be required to report annually starting with 2025/26 data
- <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/all-age-continuing-care-data-set/implementation-tools-and-guidance>
- Meanwhile data/information sought via:
  - Questionnaire to 19 SE LAs
  - FOI to 7 SE ICBs

Responses collated shared with LAs and health representatives.

# Purpose of data/information request

To establish:

Where arrangements for the application and management of CCC work well (or not so well) and why?

Where there are effective policies, procedures, escalation processes, joint purchasing or commissioning arrangements, joint training etc

How funding arrangements work for children under CCC and other children who have both social care and health needs.(eg S117)

Where/if there is effective use of a joint funding tool

# Results?

- Mix of responses re written procedures and their effectiveness
- Mixed approach to training (v few joint training with IBCs)
- Some positive responses about shared funding though very few examples of a formal funding tool being used
- Very few examples of joint commissioning
- What works and why? Relationships between professionals and focus on child
- Risks-staff turnover, vacancies, re-establishing trusting relationships

# Purpose of FOI request

- To establish:
- How many children were referred per annum for consideration under CCC and how many were successful?
- How many children were fully funded and how many part funded by health?
- Was the presenting need primarily physical or mental ill health
- How long did the process take from referral to agreed outcome?
- Was the child living at home, or in tier 4 or other regulated setting?
- How many ineligible children went on to become eligible under CHC?
- Use of QA systems across ICBs

# Results:

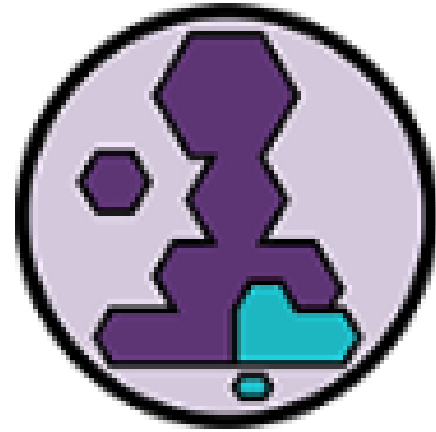
- All 7 ICBs responded although 1 responded with 'unable to give any response' under FOI rules

The remaining did supply information re

- numbers of children referred and assessed
- length of time to complete assessments
- numbers of children part funded and fully funded by ICB
- Numbers of children with primarily physical needs/mental health needs
- numbers of children who then moved into CHC arrangements

# Next steps

- Continue to share and build on good practice examples identified across all LAs and with partners.
- Maintain and develop effective professional relationships during significant organisational change (NHS and LAs)
- Develop and share good practice self assessment tools
- Contribute if possible to work being done by DfE following Law Commission review ( response due 16 Sep 2026)
- Barrister instructed on behalf of SESLIP to advise on options for strengthening the CCC framework.



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Any questions?