

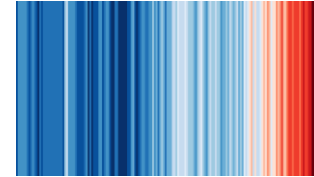
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# The National Agenda

# Who shapes national thinking on commissioning and procurement?



Care-worker shortage: Woman appalled by lack of support for dying mum



Cathy says the struggle to find care for her mum Maureen left her desperate and appalled



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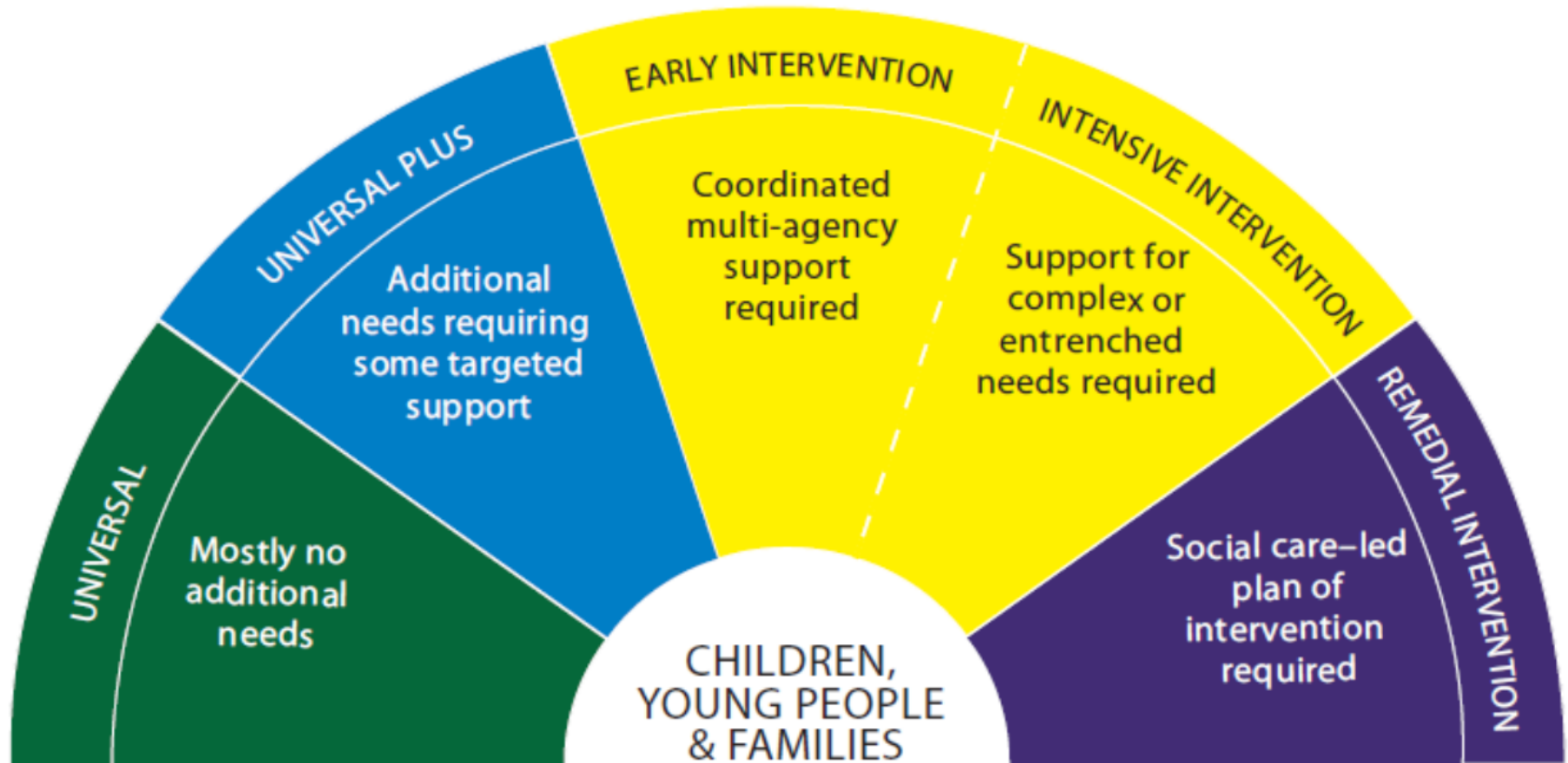
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**CHILD ABUSE SCANDAL : The Bryn Estyn home wasn't fit for children. It has made my life since leaving a complete misery**

The unpublished Clwyd report reveals the full horror of life in residential care.



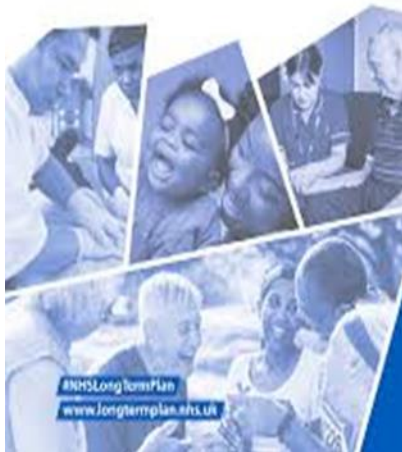
# National drivers in children's services



# NHS Long Term Plan



The NHS Long Term Plan



- Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships
- Accountable Care Systems
- Fully integrate services and funding
- New powers and freedoms to plan how best to provide care, while taking on new responsibilities for improving the health and wellbeing of the population they cover
- Working together with patients and the public, NHS commissioners and providers, as well as local authorities and other providers of health and care services
- Big ambition – early intervention and prevention could save 500,000 lives...but is it deliverable?

# NHS Long Term Plan – Time for a refresh?

- Covid 19 - “Shock generates lessons” – NHS Confederation
- Predictions are that the refreshed long-term plan may include:
  - Transform access to urgent, emergency and planned care
  - Further focus on mental health, especially for young people



# Health and Care Act 2022

New legislative measures to deliver joined up care for people who rely on multiple services.

Introduced 2 parts for statutory ICS's:

- **Integrated Care Board**
- **Integrated Care Partnership**

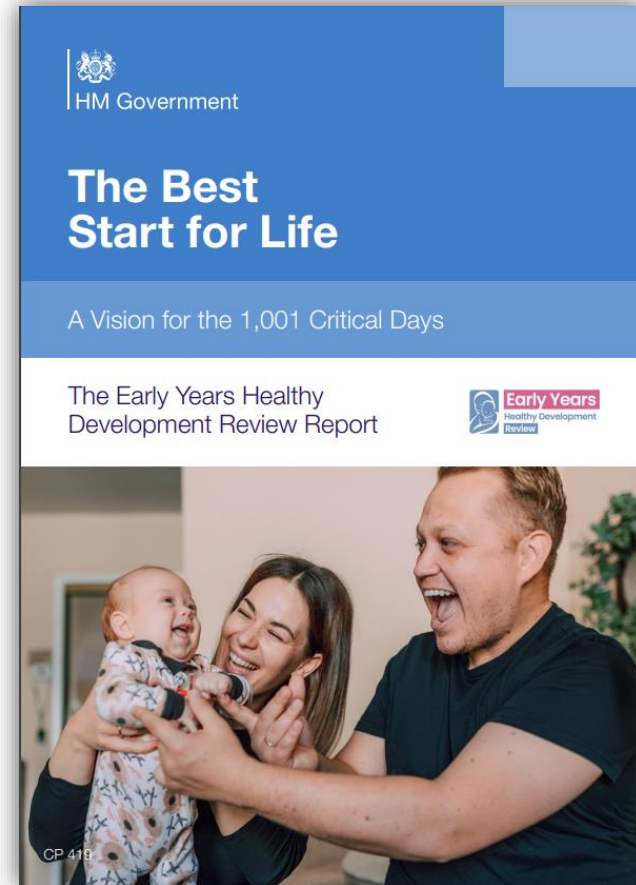
[How does the NHS in England work and how is it changing?](#)

(Video)



# Early Intervention – The Best Start for Life

Considers the first 1001 days as ‘critical’ for the **foundations of lifelong emotional and physical wellbeing**

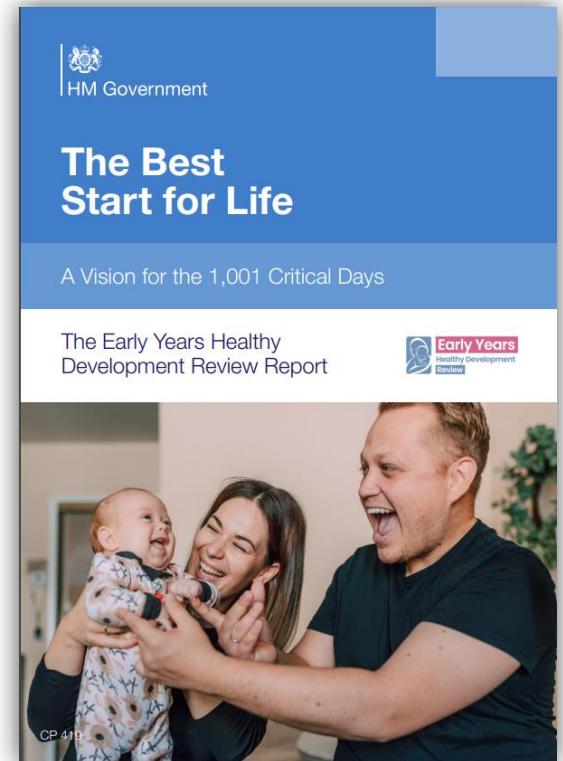


# Early Intervention – The Best Start for Life

Outlines 6 requirements for the 'best start for life'

1. Seamless support for all families
2. Welcoming family hubs
3. Information given when needed
4. Effective and skilled workforce supporting families
5. Data collection, analysis, evaluation and response to local needs and outcomes
6. Effective leadership for change with agreed accountability

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5lhS9Fh47o>





# Supporting Families

- Supporting vulnerable families with challenges such as domestic abuse, mental ill health and unemployment
- Previously known as the Troubled Families Programme
- On 2nd April 2022, UK Government announced the SF programme will support 300,000 of the most vulnerable families by:
  - Providing dedicated keyworkers who offer **practical** support
  - £700m investment



## Those supported by the programme:

- ✓ 38% young people less likely to end up in prison
- ✓ 32% less likely to end up in care

# Early Intervention Foundation (2022) What works to improve lives of England's most vulnerable children: a review of interventions for a local family help offer

The report provides the details of 59 policies, practices and scalable interventions with evidence of improving child and family outcomes within five categories of vulnerability:

- problematic child behaviour
- family conflict
- parental mental health
- domestic abuse
- parental substance misuse



# Domestic Abuse Act 2021

- There are some 2.3 million victims of domestic abuse a year aged 16 to 74 (two thirds of whom are women) and more than one in ten of all offences recorded by the police are domestic abuse related
- The Act's provisions include:
  - a statutory definition of domestic abuse, emphasising that domestic abuse is not just physical violence, but can also be emotional, controlling or coercive, and economic abuse
  - places a duty on local authorities in England to provide accommodation based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation

# Mental Health

- 2020 NHS digital survey found that rates of children and young people with a probable mental health problem in England had risen to 1 in 6
- Gap has long existed between the needs and the availability of services
- Pandemic has made this worse



# Mental Health – government response

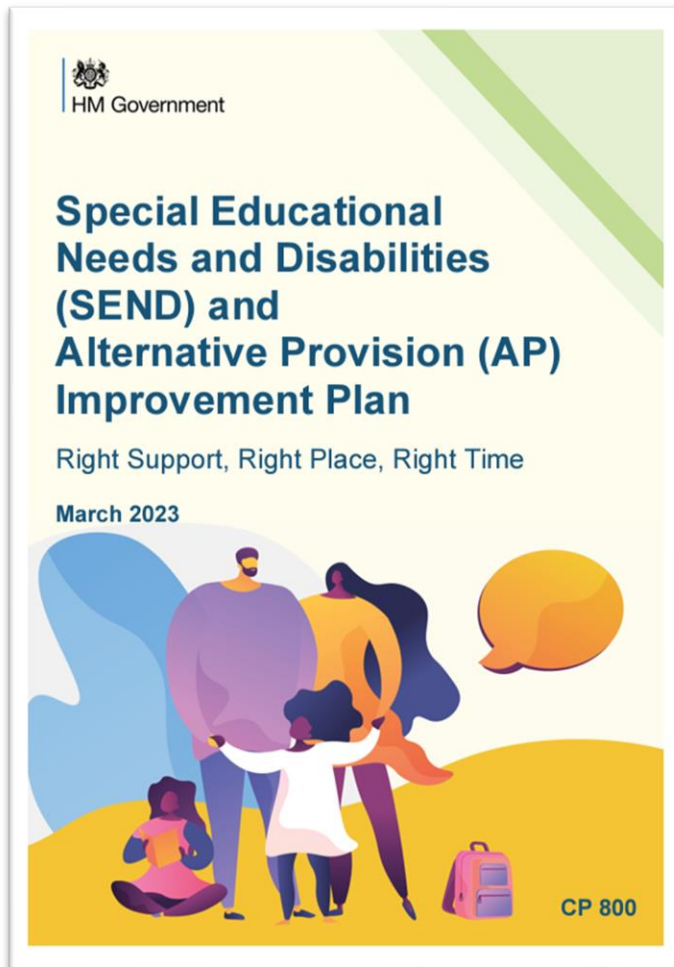
- March 2021 - £79 million to expand children and young people's mental health services
- June 2021, additional £40 million, partly to address increasing demand for the treatment of eating disorders
- Health and Social Care Committee Report, Dec 2021
- March 2022 - response to Health and Social Care Committee Report – “the Government and the NHS remain committed to continuing to increase access, reduce waiting times, and improve outcomes and experience in mental health support for children and young people”



# Mental Health – government response

- DfE to provide £17 million to improve mental health and wellbeing support in schools and colleges
- May 2022 – a further £7 million for schools and colleges to train a senior mental health lead
- public discussion paper later this year to inform the development of a new longer term mental health strategy

# SEND & Alternative Provision Improvement Plan



National Standards for SEND and AP

Highly trained workforce and leadership

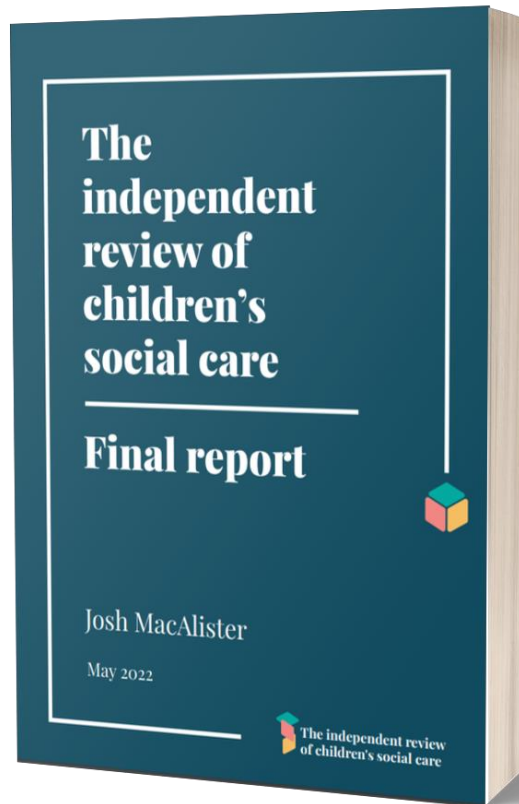
Use of digital tech to make systems easier to navigate

Improved preparation for adulthood

Improved accountability via inspections, performance dashboards and family partnerships

Additional £ and guidance on costs of provisions

# Independent review of children's social care in England



# Independent Care Review – Market Study

## Policy context

### England

Children's social care system under review, through Independent Care Review.

### Scotland

Implementation of The Promise following independent review of children's social care, including intention to eliminate for profit provision.

### Wales

Commitments made in the Programme for government 2021 to 2026, including intention to eliminate private profit.

# Government response to Care review, February 2023

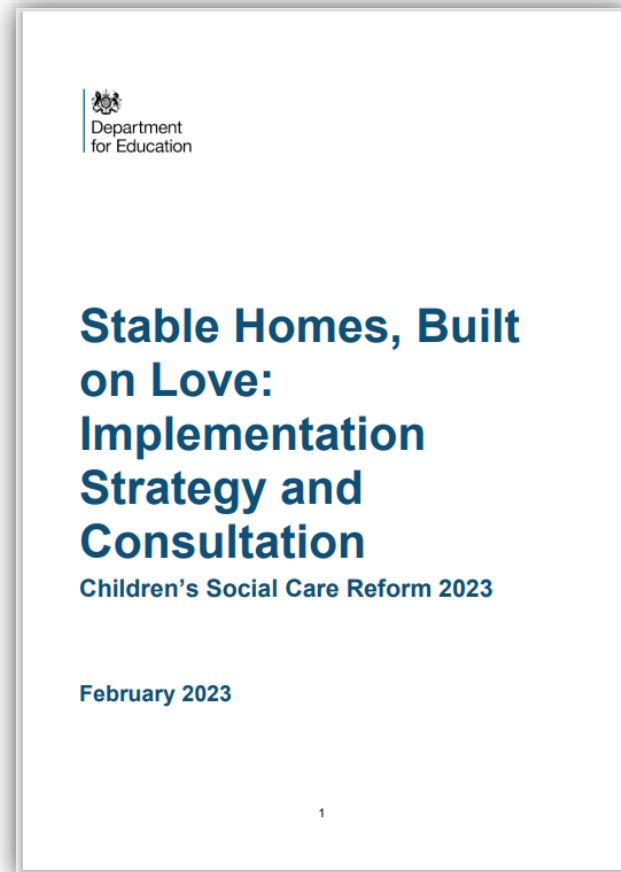
- 'Families First for Children' Pathfinders (Pilots) in 12 LAs.
- Plans for better training & support for kinship care.
- Support for better recruitment (up to 500 more social workers through social work 'apprenticeships') and retention of children's social workers.
- Piloting a 'regional care cooperative.'
- More money for LAs to recruit and pay foster carers and kinship carers (£24m) and a leadership programme for residential care.
- Consultation on a new Children's Social Care National Framework and Dashboard.



# Stable Homes, Built on Love – Children's Social Care Reform (2023)

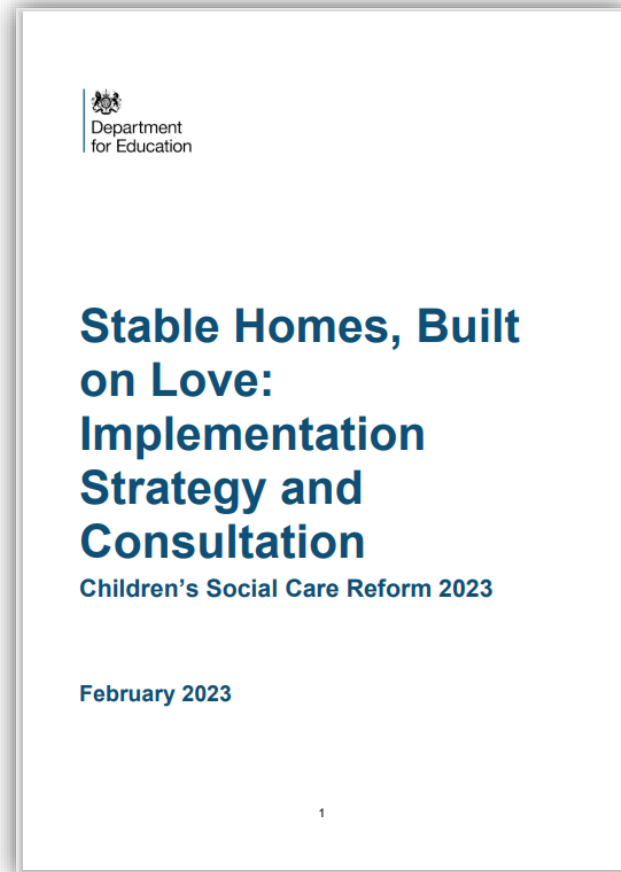
Introduces 6 Pillars to transform Children's Social Care:

1. Family Help provides the right support at the right time, so that children can thrive with their families;
2. A decisive multiagency child protection system;
3. Unlocking the potential of family networks



# Stable Homes, Built on Love – Children's Social Care Reform (2023)

4. Putting love, relationships and a stable home at the heart of being a child in care
5. A valued, support and highly-skilled social worker for every child who needs one
6. A system that continuously learns and improves, and makes better use of evidence and data



# Putting children's voices at the heart of reform (2022)

## Ambitions:

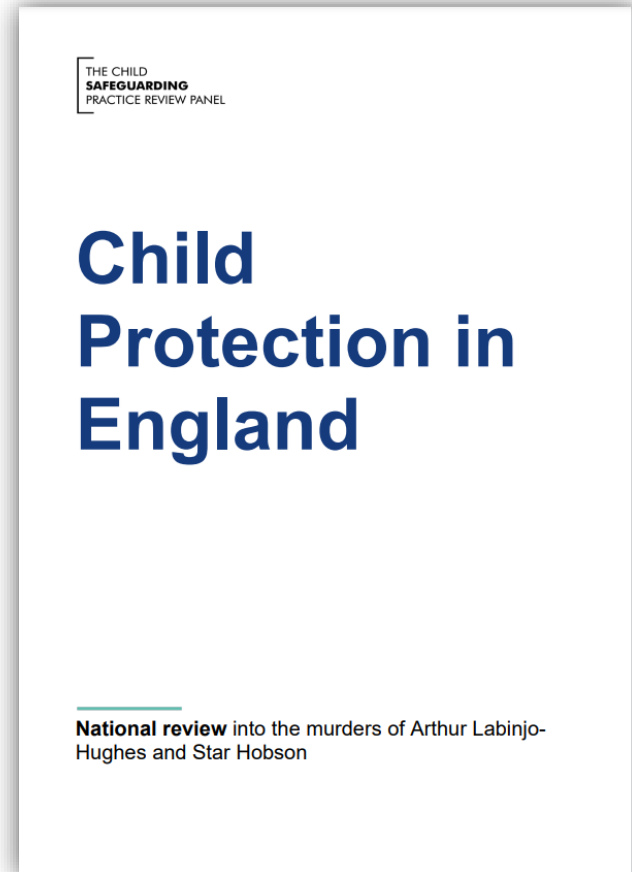
1. For all children to be listened to and responded to
2. For all children to have relationships that are trusting and stable
3. For all children to feel loved, supported and stable
4. To be able to access practical help and support



# Child Protection in England

What went wrong?

- Information sharing issues and seeking between and within agencies
- A lack of robust critical thinking and challenge within and between agencies
- A need for sharper specialist child protection skills and expertise



# Health Inequalities – Barnardo's Review (IPC) 2023

- In 2021-22, **4.2 million children (29% of all children)** in the UK were living in poverty.

Health inequalities relating to poverty include:

**20% of households with children in fuel poverty** (Gov UK, 2023) – higher rates in groups for lone parent families and ethnic minority background

- **HEALTH IMPACT** – Negative impact on baby/infant growth as children living in cold homes require more calories to develop (Lee et al., 2022)
- Increase risk of respiratory problems and mental health issues



# Health Inequalities – Barnardo's Review (IPC) 2023

## PHYSICAL HEALTH

- **Infant mortality** rates are up to 2.4 times higher in the most deprived compared to least deprived neighbourhoods
- **Tooth decay** is more prevalent for CYP living in more deprived areas
- CYP from disadvantaged backgrounds were 72% more likely to be diagnosed with a long term condition (e.g., asthma)

## MENTAL HEALTH

- CYP living in the most deprived areas are 1.3 times more likely to have a diagnosable mental health condition than those in the least deprived areas
- 60% more crisis referrals for CYP living in the most deprived places compared to the least

# Key national drivers



- Integration
- Early help / edge of care
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Complex needs support
- Fixing the broken care market
- Supporting families with additional needs

Anything else?

# On your landscape



# On your landscape

In breakout groups:

1. Identify up to three common key themes or aspects of the national agenda affecting your organisation/s or service area/s at the moment.
2. What are the implications of each of these themes for you as commissioners? What are the key challenges? Opportunities?
3. Be ready to feedback to the wider group your 3 'themes' and 1 challenge and 1 opportunity

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