



Better Care: Healthier Communities



Changes to the Child Health Information System

From 1st April 2016 a new single Child Health Information System (CHIS) will be in operation for the whole of the West Midlands.

What does this mean for YOU?

If you are responsible for a child aged 0-19 years (or 0-25 years old for children and young people with a disability), this is to notify you that from 1st April 2016 the healthcare details of your child will be looked after by Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust.

Do you need to do anything for these changes to take place?

No, there is absolutely nothing you need to do unless you have any objections to Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust becoming the NHS body that takes ownership of and manages your child's records.

Why are the changes being made?

The introduction and implementation of a single system will be a highly effective tool for better child healthcare, enhancing patient care and safeguarding by enabling better access to records by health practitioners across the region.

Currently the health records of children who move home within the region have to be transferred between different IT systems, the new system will mean staff can keep track of each child's health records, including for example their vaccinations, when they move to another area within the West Midlands.

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