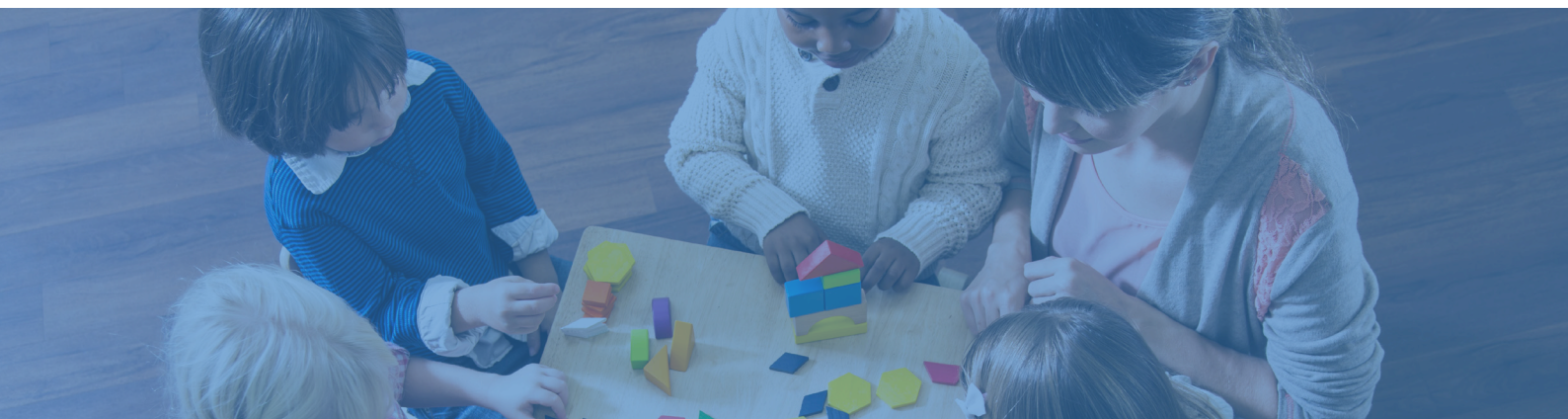# Child Protection – Information Sharing

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Information sharing is identified as a factor in the majority of serious case reviews that take place following the death or injury of a child.

Health and social care staff need to share information to help them provide better care and earlier interventions for children who are considered vulnerable and at risk.

What is Child Protection – Information Sharing?

There are 152 local authorities and more than 1,200 unscheduled healthcare settings in England (such as emergency departments, walk-in centres, and maternity units) using more than 75 different computer systems.

The Child Protection - Information Sharing project (CP-IS) is connecting these systems and helping organisations to improve business processes so essential information can be shared securely.

CP-IS ensures that health and social care staff are notified when a child or unborn baby with a child protection plan (CPP) or looked after child (LAC) status is treated at an unscheduled care setting anywhere in England.

" The CP-IS alert enabled us to make a much better-informed clinical assessment and faster decisions. Working alongside the social care team also meant that we were confident the child would be discharged to a safe environment."

Michelle Mulvaney,
Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children,
West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust

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How does it work?

CP-IS is currently being introduced to local authorities and unscheduled healthcare settings across England. National implementation of CP-IS is endorsed by the Care Quality Commission and NHS organisations are expected to take steps to implement the system, as set out in the NHS Standard Contract.

1. Every day, a limited amount of essential non-clinical information is uploaded automatically from children's social care systems to the NHS Spine.

2. When a child is booked in at an unscheduled care setting that has CP-IS, staff are alerted that the child has a CPP or LAC status.

3. Health staff are provided with contact details for the social care team responsible.

4. The social care team is automatically alerted that the child has presented at an unscheduled care setting.

5. Health and social care staff can see details of the child's previous 25 visits to unscheduled care settings.

Where can I find out more?

The CP-IS team provides guidance and support that can help you implement CP-IS at your organisation. To find out more visit **www.digital.nhs.uk/cpis**

Our regional implementation managers can provide one-to-one advice and support, and can put you in touch with other organisations that have been through the process.

To start your implementation journey, email **enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk** quoting 'CP-IS'.

" CP-IS removes the need to search for and provide information manually and by phone, freeing up our resources to apply elsewhere."

Liz Peters,
Safeguarding and Child Review Lead,
Hertfordshire County Council

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