Digital Child Health Programme – Information for CHEST

Important information affecting children's services which potential bidders need to consider in order to meet the new information standards and IT requirements

From Spring 2019 significant changes will start to be made to the way child health information is collected across the health and social care system.

In 2016, NHS England published the *Healthy Children: transforming child health information strategy* to improve the flow of information between all providers of child health services. The strategy focuses on transforming information services and systems for children, young people, parents and families.

These changes will improve health outcomes and reduce health inequalities for 0-19 year olds by implementing a system for sharing information in real time and a Failsafe Service. This service will keep health professionals updated and alert health professionals and management when a child's intervention is due or has not been delivered on time.

The benefits of these new standards are:

- An online record of how each child is developing against health and development milestones as well as any identified health and care issues.
- A system where data will be entered once, to a nationally agreed standard, and available to those who have a legitimate reason to see it

For health and care professionals, this will mean accurate, up to date information.

- Professionals will have timely access to health and development milestones for the children in their care which will help improve decision making.
- Professionals delivering public health programmes will be alerted by a failsafe management service when an intervention is due or has not been delivered on time. This will reduce health inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of children.

There are two documents which local authorities and potential bidders need to be aware of:

> The Professional Record Standard Body (PRSB) Child Health Standard which defines the formats for the capture and display of child health information and is a foundation for information sharing
> (https://theprsb.org/standards/healthychildrecord/).

- The Information Standards Notice. https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/information-standards-and-data-collections-including-extractions/publications-and-notifications/standards-and-collections/dcb3009-healthy-child-programme
- Information Standards Notices (ISNs) are published to announce new or changes to information standards published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. They are the formal mechanism which mandates publicly funded service providers and their IT suppliers to align their IT systems to the Child Health Standard. This will enable information to flow between different child health services.

There will be a two-phase Information Standards Notice (ISN).

- ISN Phase 1 (published 13/12/2018) mandates compliance with the PRSB Standards

- ISN Phase 2 Interoperability and Portability will mandate adoption of portability and interoperability standards to ensure information can flow between systems (Publication expected late 2019 / early 2020)

Potential bidders must;

- Ensure that their IT systems are compliant with ISN Phase 1 of the new Information Standard Notice by December 2019
- Ensure that their IT suppliers are aware of ISN Phase 2 of the new Information Standard Notice, expected to be released during late 2019 or early 2020

When the changes will happen

- June 2018 – The PRSB standard was published

- December 2018 - ISN Phase1 was published with up to one-year for service providers and their IT suppliers to comply

- March 2019 to December 2019 – Pilot sites will begin the transformation of the new information flows with phased implementation

- During late 2019 / early 2020 – all service providers and IT suppliers that comply with ISN Phase 1 will be issued with ISN Phase 2 to implement.

- November 2020 – Start of the national Failsafe Management System for all service providers that comply with the published standards.