

Information Governance and Child Health Information Services

Purpose for sharing

NHS South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) is a leading provider of Child Health Information Services (CHIS).

CHIS plays a critical role in immunisation scheduling and monitoring for new-born screening; sending invitation and result letters to parents/carers and recording and monitoring NHS public health childhood immunisation programmes. A CHIS is the definitive source of immunisation uptake and coverage data within England and, as such, are essential to limiting the spread of communicable diseases

The data we hold is provided by midwives, health visitors, school nurses, GPs and Local Authorities to complete the [NHS England Healthy Child Record for all 0-19 year olds](#).

CHIS works with maternity units, general practices, health visitors, school nurses and local authorities to monitor and improve uptake of national childhood screening and immunisation programmes. We notify health visitors of all new births and of children who have moved into their area, and ensure all babies have received their new born screening. CHIS also ensures that children aged between 0-5 years receive appointments at the correct age for NHS routine childhood immunisations and we monitor that school-age children have had the immunisations they are due.

Lawful basis for processing

The processing of personal data for the delivery of individual care and for the administration of Child Health Information Services to support that care is lawful under the following provisions of the UK GDPR:

- Article 6(1)(e) ‘...necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority...’; and
- Article 9(2)(h) ‘necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’

We provide the CHIS under contract to NHS England, which is responsible for the provision of the overall CHIS as part of the [Public Health Section 7a Agreement – service specification 28](#).

Each GP Practice is required to report on immunisation status and 6-8 week baby checks. It is important to maintain immunisation reporting for the protection of all children. We require this information for the effective management of a complete child health record in CHIS and for reporting to NHS England on local immunisation uptake.

Can parents opt out?

We do not rely on consent as legal basis for sharing. Under GDPR an individual does not have the right to opt out of sharing for direct care purposes but can register their objection with their GP Practice. The GP can choose to continue to share despite any objection. GPs

can decide is that it is in the best interests of the child to share the information for direct care, which will mean the child’s health record is up to date and they can receive an invitation to immunisation at the appropriate time. The GP has a duty of care to the child and a duty to share the information under the Health and Social Care (Quality and Safety) Act for the purpose of direct care.

Information for your Privacy Notice

You may wish to use the following wording to update your practice Privacy Notice to include NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit to inform individuals about sharing information with us. Practices that use the SCW privacy notice template can add the below to **Appendix A** of their privacy notice.

Activity	Rationale
<p>NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit – Child Health Information Services (CHIS)</p>	<p>Purpose – South, Central and West Child Health Information Services (SCW CHIS) is commissioned by NHS England to support the monitoring of care delivered to children. Personal data is collected from the child’s GP record to enable health screening, physical examination and vaccination services to be monitored to ensure that every child has access to all relevant health interventions.</p> <p>For more information: Fair Processing Notice Child Health Information Services - NHS SCW Support and Transformation for Health and Care (scwcsu.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Legal Basis – Article 6(1)(e) ‘...necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority...’; and Article 9(2)(h) ‘necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’</p> <p>Processor – SCW, Apollo Medical Software Solutions, System C</p>

Further Information

You can find out more about the Child Health Information Service in SCW’s Privacy Notice at:

[Fair Processing Notice Child Health Information Services - NHS SCW Support and Transformation for Health and Care \(scwcsu.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scwcsu.nhs.uk)