

# DAPB1609 Amd 33/2024 Child Protection Information Sharing Implementation Guidance



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- Change Specification
- Requirements Specification
- Implementation Guidance (this document)

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## Glossary of Terms

Term / Abbreviation	What it stands for
CP	Child Protection
CP-IS	Child Protection Information Sharing service <a href="http://systems.NHS.Digital.gov.uk/CP-IS/CP-IS">http://systems.NHS.Digital.gov.uk/CP-IS/CP-IS</a>
CPP	Child Protection Plan <i>Under Section 47 (of the Children Act 1989)</i> A child, including an unborn child, can be placed on a Child Protection Plan.
DfE	Department for Education
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
Distributed Systems	An integrated system which is utilised across multi-hub sites, which therefore require the site and setting details to be shared within the access service notification which will be submitted to the local authority. A multi-hub site could be sites across various geographic areas or represent a central team where physical attendance was not made for instance 111 services.
Full Care Order	<i>Under Section 31 (of the Children's Act 1989):</i> It allows the Local Authority to share Parental Responsibility for a Child and determine (after consultation) important issues affecting a child. This would include where a child should live and with whom
Integrated system	When CP-IS has a direct integration within a clinical system, which allows for the lookup to CP-IS to be automated. Therefore, removing the need for the health professional to manually search CP-IS to determine if a child has a protection plan or is looked after.
Interim Care Order	<i>Under Section 38 (of the Children's Act 1989):</i> The Court can make an Interim (temporary) Care Order until it has time to consider the case fully and until sufficient evidence has been compiled. A first interim Care Order can last for 8 weeks, and thereafter it can be renewed by the Court every 28 days.
IGSoC	Information Governance Statement of Compliance
LA	Local Authority
CLA	Children Looked After For the purposes of the CP-IS project, this will specifically be those children that are subject to a Full, Interim or Voluntary Care Order
NCRS	National Care Records Service - The National Care Records Service (NCRS) is the improved successor to the Summary Care Record application (SCRa)
NHS DIGITAL	NHS Digital (formerly the Health and Social Care Information Centre), merged into NHSE as of Feb 2023

NHS England	NHS England, leads the National Health Service (NHS) in England
NHS Spine	The Spine is a collection of national applications, services and directories that support the NHS in the exchange of information across national and local NHS systems
ODS	Organisation Data Service
SCRa	Summary Care Record Application
SFT	Secure File Transfer
UCPP	Unborn Child Protection Plan
Validated NHS Number	A validated NHS Number is one that has the correct format and passes the Number check digit calculation
Verified NHS Number	A verified NHS Number is one where the patient's identity has been cross-checked using demographic details on the Personal Demographics Service (PDS)
Voluntary Care Order	<i>Under Section 20 (of the Children's Act 1989):</i> Children and Young people can be accommodated with the consent of those with parental responsibility

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# 1. Introduction and Background

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children under the Children Act 1989. A Local Authority can ask health bodies to also provide support to help them safeguard and protect the welfare of children under the Children Act 1989.

NHS England has a statutory duty under the Children Act 2004 to have due regard for safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children in the discharge of its functions.

The sharing of child protection information and health data using the CP-IS enables Local Authorities, health bodies and NHS England meet their statutory duties under the Children Acts.

Using CP-IS ensures the safeguarding and protects the welfare of children by enabling health and social care staff to:

- Identify risks to the child's/children's welfare.
- Liaise with other organisations and agencies who are involved with the child and contribute to a multi-agency assessments and reviews
- Respond to a child in need, in a more joined up way

A key benefit of the CP-IS is that it is a national solution where information follows a child wherever they present for care. This helps to make safeguarding information available where there are issues with children presenting for care across local boundaries in areas where they may not be known. The dataset shared between social care and health will lead to better outcomes for vulnerable children in society.

The original standard was delivered at a national level across England by 31st March 2019. The changes detailed within this document are to be delivered by 30th September 2025.

## 2. Scope of solution

The CP-IS Programme has made the following revisions to this standard:

The NHS Long Term Plan (published 2019) states that:

“By 2022/23, the Child protection Information System will be extended to cover all health care settings, including general practices”<sup>1</sup>

In response to this mandate, CP-IS is being made available to the following care settings that have been prioritised for system access, as attendance here is most likely to indicate an increased risk of harm to child:

- General practice (in hours)
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) (all four tiers)
- Sexual Health: Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCS)
- Sexual Health: Termination of Pregnancy Services (ToPS)
- 0-19 Services: School Nursing and Health Visitors

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<sup>1</sup> [NHS Long Term Plan v1.2 August 2019](#) pg99

- Community Paediatrics
- Dentistry (appointment-based dentistry, including emergency dental care)

To support the mandate, the CP-IS Programme have produced a set of new requirements to allow a user the viewing of a CP-IS record in the above scheduled care settings, without sending an alert to the local authority, this is dependent on new RBAC codes associated with this process.

Access to CP-IS is now via the National Care Records Service (NCRS) or through an integrated care solution (e.g. EPR/Shared Care Record, GP IT System), previous access via the Summary Care Record Application (SCRa) is to be retired by March 2024.

In addition, several formatting changes have been applied to ensure the document aligns to the revised NHS England template.

## 3. About this document

The purpose of this document is to provide an index to the documentation and guidance to support implementation of CP-IS within NHS care settings and Local Authorities.

## 4. Implementation Index

Information on the background of the project and progress can be accessed at:  
The CP-IS website <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/child-protection-information-sharing-project>

## 5. NHS

### 5.1 NHS System Providers

The NHS System Provider Technical Information Pack and the Incident Support Model can be obtained from the CP-IS Live Service Operations Team at [england.cpis.operations@nhs.net](mailto:england.cpis.operations@nhs.net) .

### 5.2 NHS Trust and Providers

Information and guidance designed to help NHS trusts to plan and manage implementation of CP-IS within their organisation is available at <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/child-protection-information-sharing-service/implement-cp-is-in-your-organisation>

## 6. Local Authority Social Care Providers

### 6.1 Local Authority Social Care Providers

Information and guidance designed to help Local Authority Social Care teams to plan and manage implementation of CP-IS within their organisation is available at <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/child-protection-information-sharingproject/implementation-process-for-local-authorities>

Readers should note, the CP-IS Programme, currently has achieved 100% functionality across 100% of LA Social Care systems.

## 7. Implementation Approach and Plan

The current implementation target is to achieve the changes detailed in the document by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 for all Local Authorities and NHS Trusts and their associated providers.