



## Child Health Information Service

### From 1st April 2018 a new single Child Health Information System (CHIS) will begin across the South West

#### **What does this mean for YOU?**

If you are pregnant or responsible for a child aged 0-19 years (or 0-25 years old for children and young people with a disability), the new South West Child Health Information Service will collect and collate your child's screening and immunisation information so healthcare professionals can support you with your child's development. The Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis status of mothers and mothers-to-be is included in the data. This will happen from 1st April 2018 across Devon and 1st July 2018 across the rest of the region.

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

No, there is absolutely nothing you need to do. NHS England (South West) will ensure that your individual data and history is held securely and is only accessible by the healthcare professionals directly involved in

your child's care. Your GP Practice will provide data to the Child Health Information Service to support your child's development.

#### **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 appropriate healthcare professionals.

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

If you have any questions please speak to your GP/  
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