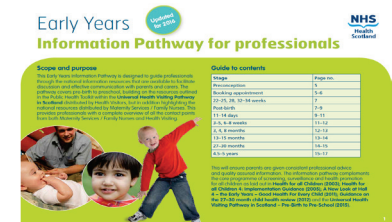


Early Years Information Pathway 2016 update

Professional briefing



Introduction

1. This briefing provides information on the 2016 update to the *Early Years Information Pathway* produced by NHS Health Scotland. It is intended for Family Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors, Education staff and the wider early years workforce.
2. The *Early Years Information Pathway* lists the national information resources available to professionals and how to order them to facilitate effective communication with parents and carers to improve maternal and child health outcomes.
3. The *Early Years Information Pathway* is available free to download as a PDF and print.

Updates to the Early Years Information Pathway

4. The 2016 update includes both the maternity contacts and the core home visiting programme contacts offered to families by Health Visiting services as outlined in the [Universal Health Visiting Pathway](#). This provides professionals with a complete overview of all the contact points from both Maternity Services/Family Nurses and Health Visiting. This will aid professionals and ensure parents are given consistent professional advice throughout pregnancy and the early years.
5. The resource is colour-coded for ease of navigation and to ensure resources are given out by the appropriate professional at the optimum time (Midwife/Family Nurse, Health Visitor or Education staff). All resources are fully downloadable from links embedded in the PDF. Alternative languages and formats currently available are also clearly identified.
6. Information on our universal and tailored resources for parents with learning disabilities ([CHANGE resources](#)) and young parents ([Young Parent Survival Guide](#)) are also included.

Local version

7. We are aware that some Health Boards have developed their own local Information Pathway. To reduce time and effort in doing so we can provide you with the original artwork for this pathway (using InDesign software) for you to provide to a local Board graphic designer to tailor for your own Health Board needs (e.g. add in localised resources, Health Board logo, contact details of local resources officer/department). Another option for boards to consider is that we can provide the file for this resource in web2print software and Health Boards can add a blank page at the end of the resource to include any additional localised resource. To find out more, contact us at nhs.HealthScotland-EarlyYears@nhs.net

