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What is the
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Children Index?



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improves
communication
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with children and
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Why do we need a Children Index?

At the moment each agency working with children and young people holds its own records, so information is kept in lots of different places.

This makes it difficult for practitioners to find out which other agencies are involved. Practitioners are people working with children.

The new system will let all the agencies share basic information and see what other services are being provided to a child or young person.

This will help children and young people get help earlier, and make sure their needs are better met.

What information will be held?

The Children Index brings together basic information about all children and young people aged 17 and under.

The information held for each child or young person is their name, address, date of birth and the contact information for the services they are entitled to. This includes the name of their GP and which nursery, school or college they go to.

What other information could be added and why?

A teacher, social worker or playlink worker, for example, may provide an additional service to a child or young person.

They can add their contact details to the Children Index to let other practitioners know they are involved.

This allows practitioners to contact each other and then work together to offer a child or young person the most appropriate support.

Keeping information confidential

Only authorised practitioners working with children and young people can see records on the Children Index.

There will be no personal records held on the Children Index, it is only for contact details.

Access to the Children Index is strictly controlled on a need-to-know basis.

High standards

There is a simple guide to the rules on sharing information.

This will make sure that everyone works to the best standards to respect privacy.

It also makes sure the right information is shared with the right people.

Can I see the information on the Children Index?

You have the right to see information held about your child.

Sometimes an older child may have the right to stop someone looking at their information.

You can apply to see this information by contacting the Children Index team.

You can also discuss this directly with the practitioner who is working with you or your child.