

# What is CP-IS?

## Information for local authority staff

The Child Protection – Information Sharing (CP-IS) project is an NHS England sponsored work programme dedicated to developing an information sharing solution that will deliver a higher level of protection to children who visit NHS unscheduled care settings. CP-IS will share information for those children who are subject to a Child Protection Plan (CCP), Looked after Children (LAC) and any pregnant woman whose unborn child has a pre-birth protection plan.

### Benefits for local authority staff

- Deliver more focussed communication between social care and health concerning these groups of children, leading to improved intervention to prevent the ongoing abuse or neglect of a child.
- Builds a stronger more transparent relationship with health care due to information being shared on the system.
- The CP-IS access history provided to a local authority (LA) is the information trigger for social workers to investigate further why a child's health record was queried in a particular un-scheduled health care setting and whether the child had also been presented in that un-scheduled health care setting.
- LAs will be able to monitor those with a CPP or are LAC and identify causes for concern including capturing the movement of children across LA boundaries. This aids the LA's ongoing review and monitoring of the child's safeguarding status through access to better supporting information from the NHS.
- LAs and NHS will no longer have to enter data manually nor produce paper based lists to share with each other. This reduces human error, time and costs. It also improves quality, accuracy, efficiency and security of information sharing.

### How it works in practice

The information will be accessed via a secure central data store and only those health care professionals with the correct level of permissions will be able to see it.

The demographic details of all adults and children are looked up as standard during the registration process at NHS unscheduled care settings. At this point, if an organisation has implemented the CP-IS solution an alert will

appear on the screen if the registering child is subject to a CPP or LAC.

The system will automatically retain an audit of who has accessed the alert for the child, when this was done and from where. This information can be viewed by health professionals; the same information will also be sent to the social services responsible for the child.

No specific details on the content of the CPP or LAC will be available to the NHS. Similarly, no clinical information or the reason for the child's visit will be shared with the social services via the CP-IS solution.

The following information (access history notification) is generated and returned to both NHS staff and local authorities:

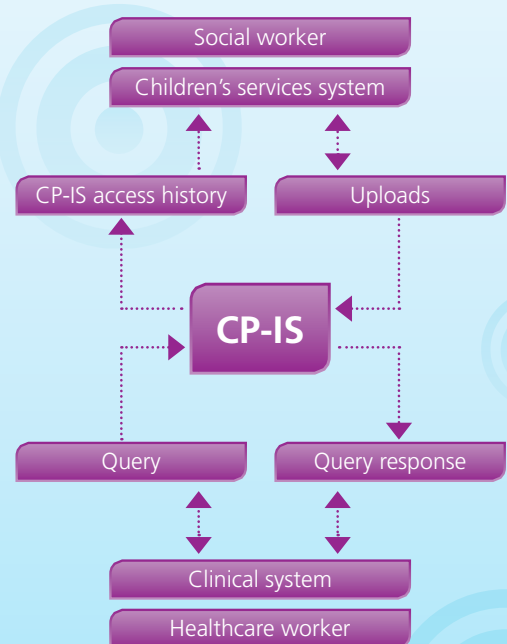
- **Date and time of the query**
- **Name and role of health professional who made the query**
- **Name of organisation where the child's record was viewed.**

The information made available to NHS staff includes:

- **NHS Number**
- **Local authority name**
- **Local authority code**
- **Local authority emergency duty team telephone number**
- **Local authority office hours telephone number**
- **Child protection plan start date**
- **Child protection end date**
- **Looked after child start date**
- **Looked after child end date**
- **Unborn child protection plan start date**
- **Unborn child protection plan end date.**

The flow chart illustrates at high level how CP-IS may be accessed within LAs, the integration of the CP-IS system will be dependent on local configuration and business processes.

1. LA record information locally with social care system using the NHS number as the unique identifier. Automatic submission of dataset to CP-IS upon creation or amendment of status of child.
2. NHS health professional will query CP-IS and will be notified if there is known information for child protection for the child.
3. CP-IS access history alert will be created when an NHS user queries CP-IS, and is also sent to the local authority within 24 hours.



## Further information

For further information visit: <http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/cpis> or email: [cpis@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:cpis@hscic.gov.uk)

\*For a pre-birth plan the alert will be held against the mother's record.  
CP-IS is not intended to replace existing safeguarding processes and procedures.