

Meeting the unmet health and wellbeing needs of children and young people in the east of England

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What is an unmet health and wellbeing need?

The difference between services deemed necessary to deal with a particular health and wellbeing problem and the actual service received



What are the challenges?

- Access to services
- Assessment of need
- Commissioning, procurement and a flexible market
- Perceived need
- Organisational silos



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'To ensure that children get the best start in life and that all young people get the best possible opportunities, it is vital that their ability to benefit is assessed and they are helped to flourish. Assessments of the readiness of children for school demonstrates that just under 50% of children in England are not in fact ready; lack of readiness means they are less likely to thrive and learn, perhaps permanently setting back their Learning'.

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What are the recognised unmet health and wellbeing needs of children and young people?

- Pre birth – preparation for pregnancy
- 0-5 – Starting well
- 5-19 – Developing well
- Issues related to smoking, drinking, obesity, parental mental health etc
- Lack of social and emotional development and healthy start
- Issues related to risk taking behaviour, sexual and mental health





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