

Promoting child health:
Healthy Child Programme

Pregnancy – 19 years

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What is the Healthy Child Programme?

- This is a programme that starts in pregnancy and finishes when a child reaches 19 – it has a strong focus on prevention
- My focus will be on pregnancy – 5 years
- In the early years the focus is on immunisation, screening, lifestyle advice for parents and children, attachment and bonding support, health and development reviews – including emotional health and well-being

Who delivers the programme?

The HCP (pregnancy – 5) is delivered by:

- GPs
- Practice nurses
- Midwives
- Health visitors
- Other practitioners employed by Sure Start Children's Centres

Coalition Agreement

The Coalition Agreement commits to:

- Action to promote public health and to encourage behaviour change to help people live healthier lives
- An ambitious strategy to prevent ill health

Childhood and Families Task Force

- Announced by Nick Clegg on 17 June 2010: chaired by the Prime Minister, and made up of senior Ministers from across government departments, including Nick Clegg
- Role will be to identify and prioritise a small number of specific policy proposals ..the everyday bottlenecks that frustrate family life
- A focus will be on independent but supported families