

To: • ICB Leads
• Health visiting services
• Maternity services
• Primary care leads

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Sent by email

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Dear Colleagues

Re: Termination of London eRedbook pilot

The eRedbook pilot in London is ending on 31 December 2023, as part of a process for preparing the capital for a national strategy for the electronic sharing with parents/carers key clinical details about their newborn baby. This includes information about screening results, immunisations, height and weight.

NHS England London is working with the eRedbook provider, Sitekit, during the exit process regarding data management to ensure full compliance with the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation. SiteKit will provide parents and carers with additional information concerning access to electronic record held in the eRedbook following the end of the contract.

The end of the pilot phase means the eRedbook facility to receive and store details of newborn screening, immunisation and other features will no longer be available for babies living in London.

What this means for your service:

- The paper-based red book will continue to be the definitive parent-held record for children's immunisations, health reviews and screening tests until a national solution for a digital personal child health record is in place.
- The child's clinical record held by primary care and Child Health Information Services (CHIS) - remain the definitive NHS record of information
- Services should stop promoting the eRedbook under this contract
- There should be no new sign-ups to eRedbook under this contract
- It is assumed that any information that is accessed through the parents eRedbook for clinical purposes under this contract will no longer be available after 31 December 2023. **Clinical information will always be available in the child's clinical record and in CHIS.**
- You will not be able to input new data into the eRedbook under this contract
- Each child who currently has an eRedbook should also have a parent held paper-based red book, which should continue to be kept up to date with key health information such as immunisation records, height and weight.
- The paper-based red book should have been issued during the pilot alongside the eRedbook as a condition of the pilot. The paper red book is the definitive parent-

held record. Sitekit will provide parents and carers with information about the electronic information held in the eRedbook following the end of the contract.

The decision to end this pilot comes as a result of the need to align the London region with the rest of England in anticipation of the national strategy for digital personal child health records.

We would like to thank you for your support of eRedbook pilot in London. We will keep you updated on the future developments of the national strategy for digital personal child health records.

If you have any queries, please email: england.london.e-redbookqueries@nhs.net

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Huxter', written in a cursive style.

Will Huxter

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