

# National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care in England

## Children and Young People's Continuing Care

The National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care in England, currently out to consultation until 22 September 2006, promised that Department of Health would publish a paper on the links between the proposed adult's framework and the equivalent children's services for Continuing Care.

The Department's Children and Families Branch are working to produce a framework for the provision of continuing care for children and young people. Although specific legislative and operational drivers impact on children's services and must be taken into account, the intention is to use as a basis any emerging consensus on adult's services resulting from the current consultation, as far as practicable and in consultation with stakeholders.

Since development of the children's framework is dependent upon establishing the principles of the adult's National Framework, the timetable for consultation on an assessment framework for children and young people is planned as follows:

August – September 2006	Agree pilot sites
September – October 2006	Complete initial revisions to Adult Framework and agree conduct of pilots
November – December 2006	Pilot amended framework for children and young people
February – April 2007	Consult on amended framework for children
Summer 2007	Publish framework for children and associated guidance

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