



COMMUNICATION BRIEFING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASTHMA PROFESSIONALS

NHS England funded learning resources for health professionals caring for children and young people with Asthma

The National Capabilities Framework

The UK has some of the highest prevalence, emergency admission and death rates for childhood asthma in Europe and outcomes are worse for children and young people living in the most deprived areas. The National Review of Asthma Deaths and the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch report highlight the need for healthcare professionals to be competent in the management of children and young people with asthma.

NHS England and Improvement's Training, Education, and Competencies National Working Group have developed a Capabilities Framework for professionals. The adoption of this framework will ensure that competent professionals are delivering effective asthma care and will therefore drive improvements in health outcomes for children and young people with asthma, as well as education and training in the future. The Framework was developed by NHS England and Improvement in collaboration with the following partner agencies and incorporates current national guidelines and recommendations:

- Children, young people, and their families
- Royal College of General Practitioners; Royal College of Nursing; Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; Chartered Society of Physiotherapists; Royal Pharmaceutical Society; British Thoracic Society
- The Healthy London Partnership; Health Education England; Global Initiative for Asthma; Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch
- Asthma UK; Beat Asthma
- Scottish Intercollegiate Guideline Network; National Asthma Guidelines; NICE Asthma Guidelines; National Review of Asthma Deaths Report; National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme

This Framework will allow individuals, employers, and Integrated Care Partnerships to be aware of the skills and knowledge that are required to ensure they can safely care for a child and young person with asthma. The Framework divides different roles into 5 tiers – a tier describes the level of care a person may be expected to deliver to a child or young person with asthma; the more involved the care, the higher the level of tier.

The tiers are not profession specific but describe the minimum required knowledge and skills any individual must possess to safely carry out their role in caring for a child or young person with asthma. Individuals should look at their own role and choose the tier most appropriate to the care they deliver.

Further Information

[Asthma \(Children and young people\) - elearning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](https://e-lfh.org.uk/Asthma-Children-and-young-people)

[National-Capabilities-Framework.pdf \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](https://e-lfh.org.uk/National-Capabilities-Framework.pdf)