

RCPCH Spending Review submission

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1. welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the 2021

NHS treatment, with significant variety between regional areas.⁵ However, it is unlikely this figure represents the full picture of the paediatric backlog. This is particularly the case with regard to _____ services where data are not captured in the same way as it is for primary and secondary services. Community child health is where most of the assessment and treatment for autism and behavioural difficulties take place. _____ the National Institute for Care Excellence (NICE) recommended waiting time of 13 weeks before the pandemic, and for some, waiting lists were 18 months long. The window for treatment or intervention to have a positive effect is smaller for CYP than it is for adults.

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14. Our _____ reveal a widening gap between the health of children from wealthy and deprived backgrounds. This is particularly acute with regard to obesity, where the most deprived children aged 4-5 years in England were 1.6 times more likely to be overweight than the least deprived.¹¹ Vulnerable groups such as Looked After Children (LAC) and young carers have significantly worse health outcomes than their non-vulnerable peers.¹²
15. The SR should act to tackle the root causes of disadvantage and inequality to ensure all children have the best start in life, regardless of where they live. There is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to level up the country by taking a cross-government strategic approach to child health and wellbeing.
16. The wider societal impacts of COVID-19 have both compounded and exposed the inequalities in health. Deprived communities have borne the brunt of the wider negative impacts of the pandemic.
17. Whilst CYP have overwhelmingly been spared the worst of the clinical impact of COVID-19, the response to the pandemic has had far-reaching negative effects on their health and wellbeing. This is largely because _____ in the health and wellbeing of all CYP

addition, serious incident notifications relating to children's safeguarding were up

in order to improve child health outcomes across the country, help cement the UK as a science superpower and provide paediatricians and paediatric trainees with opportunities to undertake research across the course of their career.

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