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Introduction

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) has put together this briefing for MPs ahead of Peter Dowd MP's Westminster Hall debate on the *Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and health inequalities*.

As OHID cements itself in the health and care landscape, this debate is crucial to ensure we can collectively tackle the continuously rising child health inequalities present in England today. This document contains an outline of child health inequalities as well as a roundup of what action is needed, including key questions you may wish to ask the Minister.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact

Child health inequalities today

Child health outcomes in England are some of the _____

Our _____ reveals a widening gap between health outcomes across nearly 30 indicators. It shows that children living in more deprived areas have worse health outcomes than their peers living in less deprived areas.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also highlighted and accelerated the devastating impact of health inequalities.

Key issues

The impact of poverty and inequalities on children's health and wellbeing is undeniable. Children living in poverty _____ low birth weight, poor physical health like obesity and some chronic conditions and mental health problems. The health impacts of growing up in poverty are significant, including, for example, con

One such example is supervised _____ Tooth decay is
and remains the most common reason for children aged 5