

Annex 2

Framework for Integrated Care (Community)

1. Children and Young People with Complex Needs

Children and young people with complex needs often have multiple needs in multiple domains, which may span many services including mental health, neurodisability, substance misuse and physical health. Complex needs can be hard to meet through conventional services, especially where these services are not joined up.

Children and young people with complex needs experience some of the highest levels of health inequality. Their needs are defined as 'complex', as they often are:

- **Multiple** (not just in one domain, such as mental and physical health)
- **Persistent** (long term rather than transient)
- **Severe** (not responding to standard interventions) and
- **Framed by family and social contexts** (early family disruption, loss, inequality, prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)).

As well as multiple health needs in multiple domains, these children often have considerable wider social care and educational needs, so may be known to many wider services.

It is crucial that services and systems work together in an integrated way to better meet such complex needs.

2. Framework for Integrated Care (Community)

The Framework builds on evidence from the Health & Justice Children and Young People Mental Health Transformation workstream, which was part of the £1.4bn investment into mental health, social care and education delivered through Future in Mind. The Framework for Integrated Care (Community) is the response to the NHS Long Term Plan commitment to invest in additional support for the most vulnerable children who have complex needs. The



Framework for Integrated Care supports a version currently mobilised in the children and young people secure estate known as SECURE STAIRS, and exists as the community version, to support trauma-informed care, and formulation-driven, evidence-based, whole-systems approaches to create change for vulnerable children with complex needs. It acts as an opportunity to strengthen and pull together existing provision around the child and intervene earlier in their pathways to enable better outcomes.

The emphasis of the Framework is on complex and often fractured systems, across multiple agencies, working together for the individual child and family/carers. This requires large-scale system change driven by strong leadership that recognises and understands trauma and its effects on the child and family/carers and on the system supporting them. There is 14 million available to fund this work which is estimated will cover a quarter of England (6000 children of c35 000) divided by c1.5 million per integrated care system or provider collaborative.

This programme is now well established, and following expressions of interest twelve vanguards have been selected across the seven NHS England regions. The funding model will be tested including establishing whether existing funding streams can be more effectively used, to produce a clearer funding model to further evidence and deliver this framework's desired improved outcomes, and to inform future Spending Review bids.

3. Framework for Integrated Care (Community) Vanguards

Vanguards are based on integrated care system or provider collaborative footprints.

The vanguards are required to demonstrate partnership working across multiple agencies including health, local authority, education, and youth justice agencies demonstrating how they will deliver the Framework for Integrated Care (Community) and the outcomes within it. Vanguards started to submit quarterly data to the national dataset from October 2022. This dataset aims to collect information on the needs of and outcomes for children in the community, evidence that key objectives of the Framework are being met and enable national and regional commissioners to identify and target improvements in health inequalities.

The models being delivered across vanguards are not new services but are providing psychologically informed capacity to other services to wrap round the child ensuring they get the right support needed. This also allows the identification of where there are gaps in provision within the systems.

Vanguard	Description of provision
Affinity Programme - HCRG Care group (Essex)	Focussing on a target cohort of children 5-16 at risk of exclusion due to emotional dysregulation. The vanguard builds on schools' wellbeing teams and the POWER programme to support engagement with children and families at an earlier level as well as supporting schools in their approach.
Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board	Cohort includes children on the edge of care, exploitation or youth justice teams that are disengaged from education or those that have transitioned back to the community from the secure estate. Provision involved embedding trauma informed youth work practitioners to work with young people that have experienced trauma and adversity. The vanguard also aims to pilot psychology support, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy into partner organisations.
Children & young People's Complex Needs Service - Lincolnshire ICS	The vanguard focusses on all children with complex needs, building upon their Future4Me programme the vanguard aims to embed trauma informed culture across organisations and develop a trauma informed valuing care toolkit for children in care.
North London Partners in health and care - NCL ICB	The target cohort for the vanguard is 0-25 year olds at risk of or involved in serious youth violence. Working closely with partner organisations such as Las the vanguard aims to build a holistic and multi-level model of care, working with voluntary sector providers to co-deliver psychologically informed interventions to marginalised and vulnerable young people.
North East London Health & Care Partnership - NEL ICB	The target cohort for this vanguard is 0-25 year olds with complex needs and at risk of youth violence and/or exploitation. The vanguard focuses on providing effective and appropriate psychological support to children who are impacted or at risk of violence. The vanguard will create a multi-disciplinary community approach through engaging VCFS organisations to deliver case-management.
Our Healthier South East London - SEL ICS	This vanguard focusses on a cohort of 0-25 years with complex needs. The vanguard has set up provision based on prevention, intervention and case management services piloting the model of care by providing effective and appropriate psychological support in the community for children who are impacted by or at risk of violence.
Bristol North Somerset South Gloucestershire Vanguard (BNSSG) - BNSSG ICB	The vanguard covers a cohort of children in care or at risk of going into care, at risk of exclusion or have been excluded or are not in school and children with SEND needs. The vanguard is delivered by seven providers who embed the principles of the framework into their practices and collaborate. This includes embedding trauma informed practice, piloting a dedicated specialist substance misuse youth worker to support young people at risk of exclusion, and delivering enhanced case management in the youth offending team.
North Mersey - Liverpool and Sefton ICB	Target cohort includes children aged 13-19 years old who present as a risk of criminal or sexual exploitation or are missing from home or education. The vanguard aims to build on existing infrastructure to strengthen pathways and deliver a multiagency response to reduce presentations and admission to hospitals and care. This will be achieved through comprehensive trauma informed training and establishing a

	complex needs team to implement trauma informed recovery models to the most vulnerable children and their families.
Thames Valley Children & Young People with Complexity - Oxford NHS FT	Target cohort includes children ages 0-18 years with complex needs across multiple domains. The service will deliver a Community Liaison Framework and Provision, through a 'hub and spoke' model. It will build on and complement existing experience with Community FCAMHS and related services to ensure ongoing liaison and support to professionals, the young person and family.
Humber and North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Trauma Informed Care Programme - Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership	The vanguard covers a cohort of 10-19 years who are at risk of becoming first time entrants of reoffending in the Youth justice System. The model aims to build on existing infrastructure to strengthen pathways and collaborative working while testing new models of delivery to improve outcomes. Pilots include delivering a range of trauma informed interventions including 1:1 therapeutic interventions and group diversions to children to prevent them becoming first-time entrants to the youth justice system.
Trusting Hands Gateshead and Future Focus Newcastle - Newcastle and Gateshead	The vanguard covers vulnerable children with complex needs ages 0-18 years. The service aims to meet the needs of young people with multiple, pervasive, and complex needs, which are not easily or coherently met by traditional services. 'Getting advice' will be delivered through a training and consultation model.
Surrey Building Belonging Programme - Surrey	The vanguard covers vulnerable children with complex needs ages 0-18. The 'Building Belonging Programme' aims to empower all families to develop healthy relationships and contribute positively to their communities, reducing exposure to risks and promoting inclusion. To deliver this version they have developed a service model informed by the findings of the Surrey Health and Justice Scoping Project. This service model builds upon and emerging trauma-informed approach to address existing gaps in service provision and ensure that the most vulnerable families with complex needs are supported.

4. Progress to date

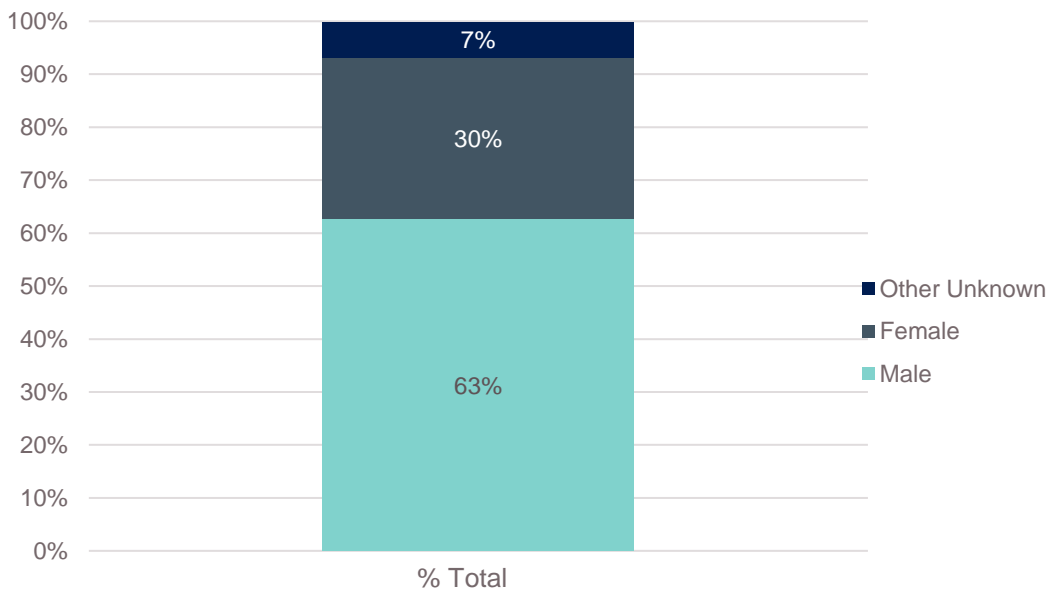
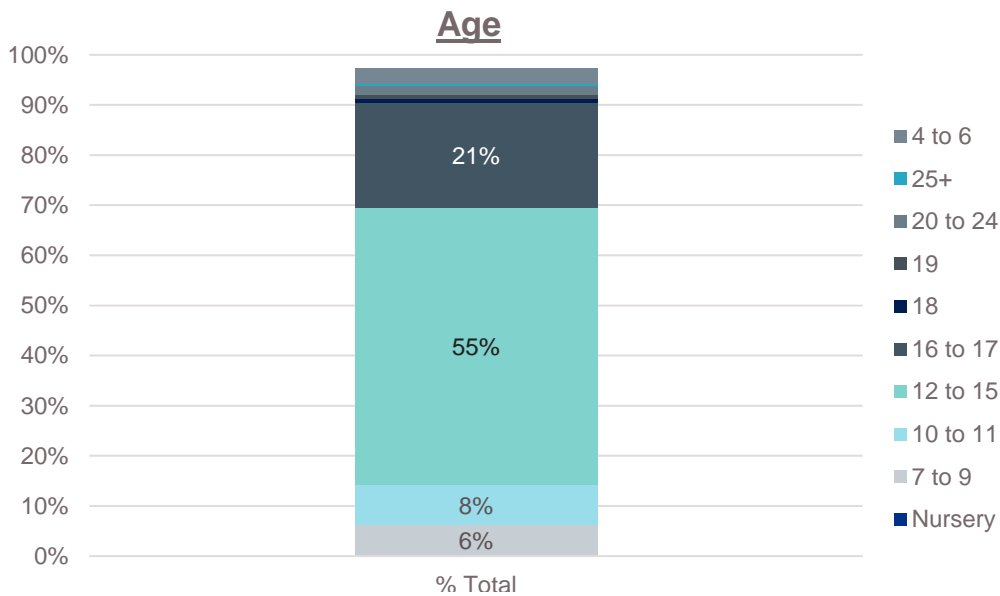
(Data reporting period April 2022 to September 2023)

12 vanguards delivering the Framework for Integrated Care (Community), providing formulation driven trauma informed care to 4111 children.

4.1 Referral Ethnicity

Ethnicity	2022/23				2023/24	Total
	Q1 Apr-Jun	Q2 Jul-Sept	Q3 Oct-Dec	Q4 Jan-Mar	Q1 Apr-Jun	
Asian or Asian British	7	4	5	12	14	42
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	56	14	18	44	14	146
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	38	31	29	44	46	188
Not known or recorded	60	67	64	77	54	322
Not stated	12	5	6	15	12	50
NULL-Invalid - Provided response did not ma	20	19	43	45	28	155
Other	4	1	5	7	9	26
White British	376	340	331	522	482	2051
White Minorities	19	38	27	43	41	168
Grand Total	592	519	528	809	700	3148

4.2 Referral Age & Gender



4.3 Referral Source

