# Proposed changes: Fingertips child and maternal health profile

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### Introduction

In 2023, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), including the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Office for National Statistics (ONS) and NHS England (NHSE) sought views on possible changes to their health and social care statistical products. A [response to this consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/health-and-social-care-statistical-outputs) was published in November 2024.

OHID would now like to ask users for their views on specific changes it plans to make based on the responses it received to this consultation. If you have any comments about these changes, please email pha-ohid@dhsc.gov.uk by 6 June 2025.

### Simplified presentation

We plan to make several changes to the [child and maternal health profiles](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/child-health-profiles) to simplify and improve their presentation. These are:

* reduction in the number of topics to ‘main indicators,’ ‘vulnerable children and young people’, ‘pregnancy and birth’, ‘early years,’ ‘school-age’, ‘young people’ and ‘healthcare use’
* reorganisation of indicators to reflect these revised topics
* addition of sub-headings within topics to aid navigation
* simplification of presentation so that age breakdowns appear in the inequalities data view rather than as separate indicators
* presentation of information about mortality only in the [mortality profile](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/mortality-profile) except where they appear in ‘main indicators’ and other relevant topics
* presentation of information about vaccinations in the [health protection profile](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/health-protection) except the most relevant for each age group or where they appear in ‘main indicators’
* presentation of information about screening only in the [Public Health Outcomes Framework](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework)
* presentation of information about oral health only in the [dental services profile](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/dental) except where they appear in ‘main indicators’
* presentation of information about school exclusions only in the [mental health profile](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/cypmh)

### Archiving of indicators

We will be archiving some indicators where new indicators have been developed which supersede them, for which data is no longer being updated or where the level of work to create them appears to outweigh their usefulness. The data will remain available on Fingertips as an .ods file. The affected indicators are:

* Baby’s first feed breastmilk (previous method) (93580)
* 6 indicators for healthy pregnancy (only available for 2018 to 2019) which have been replaced by new indicators which will be updated on an ongoing basis with data from 2022 to 2023 onwards
* Children with one or more decayed, missing or filled teeth (90820)
* 22 indicators in the health behaviours in 15-year-olds topic (based on the What about YOUth? survey which has not been updated since 2015)
* 14 indicators for different causes of injuries in the unintentional injuries topic

### Discontinuation of indicators

We propose discontinuing some indicators where these are available from other government departments to free up capacity to work on original analysis instead:

* 15 indicators for different aspects of road traffic accidents in the unintentional injuries topic (source dataset continues to be available from the [Department for Transport](https://roadtraffic.dft.gov.uk/custom-downloads/road-accidents))