

# #VoiceMatters

Educate. Collaborate.  
Engage. Change.



**We want to improve the healthcare of children and young people (CYP) across the UK. To do this, we need to know the views of CYP and what they want when it comes to their healthcare so we can effectively influence and shape policy and practice.**

We work to engage with two main audiences – children, young people and their families, and healthcare professionals. This is done through four elements of engagement – **inform, consult, involve** and **represent**.

We work with CYP from different ages, backgrounds, experiences and locations for a diverse set of voices, which include voices from the following groups:

- **Universal:** All children and young people (e.g. school, club)
- **Targeted:** Children and young people who share common health related experiences (e.g. special school, hospital youth forum)
- **Specialist:** Children and young people with current healthcare experience (e.g. visiting them at a cancer treatment centre, asthma clinic)

## &Us network

&Us is our network of children, young people and families who we engage by:

- Sharing opportunities through social media and email
- Collaborating on consultations through surveys and roadshows
- Supporting strategic voice in governance
- Involving CYP in engagement projects

## &Us Engagement Collaborative

The Engagement Collaborative is our network of child health and healthcare professionals with an interest or role in engagement for:

- Sharing good practice
- Collaborating on consultation responses
- Providing advice and guidance on creating strategic voice programmes

## How do we capture CYP voice?

- **&Us projects:** developing and delivering long term projects to improve health services
- **&Us challenges:** one day challenges to improve voice in health
- **&Us roadshows:** to capture voice through consultation workshops across the UK
- **&Us academy:** our offer to CYP with training, mentoring, support and a range of nationally recognised awards, accreditations and qualifications recognising their voluntary activity and skill development

# Collaborate.

Use your voice to help  
improve child health  
across the UK



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