

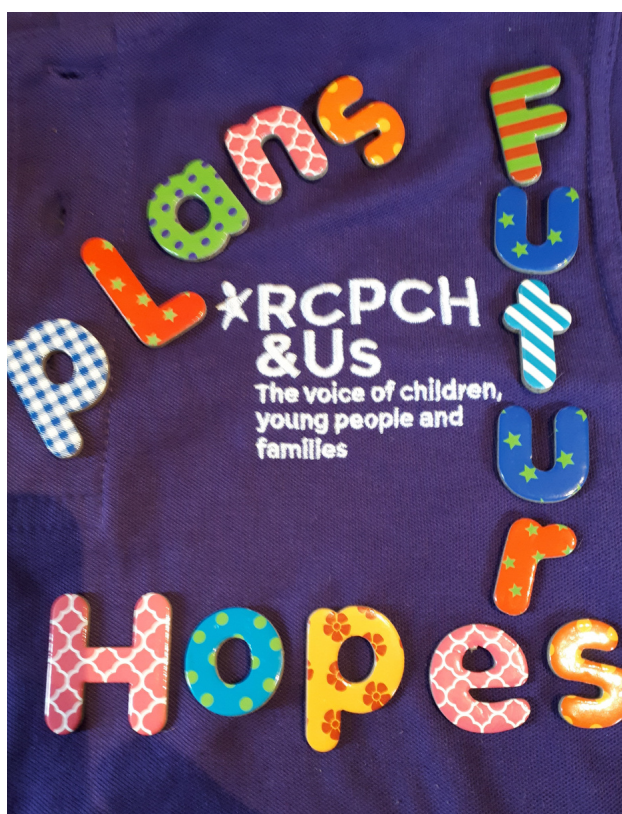
Children and Young People's engagement in your ICS

Your Integrated Care System (ICS) should include engagement from children and young people (CYP). The RCPCH has ideas, tips and links to resources to help you & your ICS to think about how to do this

- The **Health and Care Act 2022** legislates for engagement of babies, children, young people and families in relation to the work of the ICS.
- There is a **statutory** duty to involve under 25s in the services that are provided for them and the integrated care strategy.
- CYP should be involved in developing, planning, prioritising, and improving services as well as in their own health and well being

Why engage CYP with the ICS?

How can the RCPCH help?



#RightsMatter to the RCPCH. All CYP should have their rights met as part of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The RCPCH can support you to do this **with information, advice and guidance.**

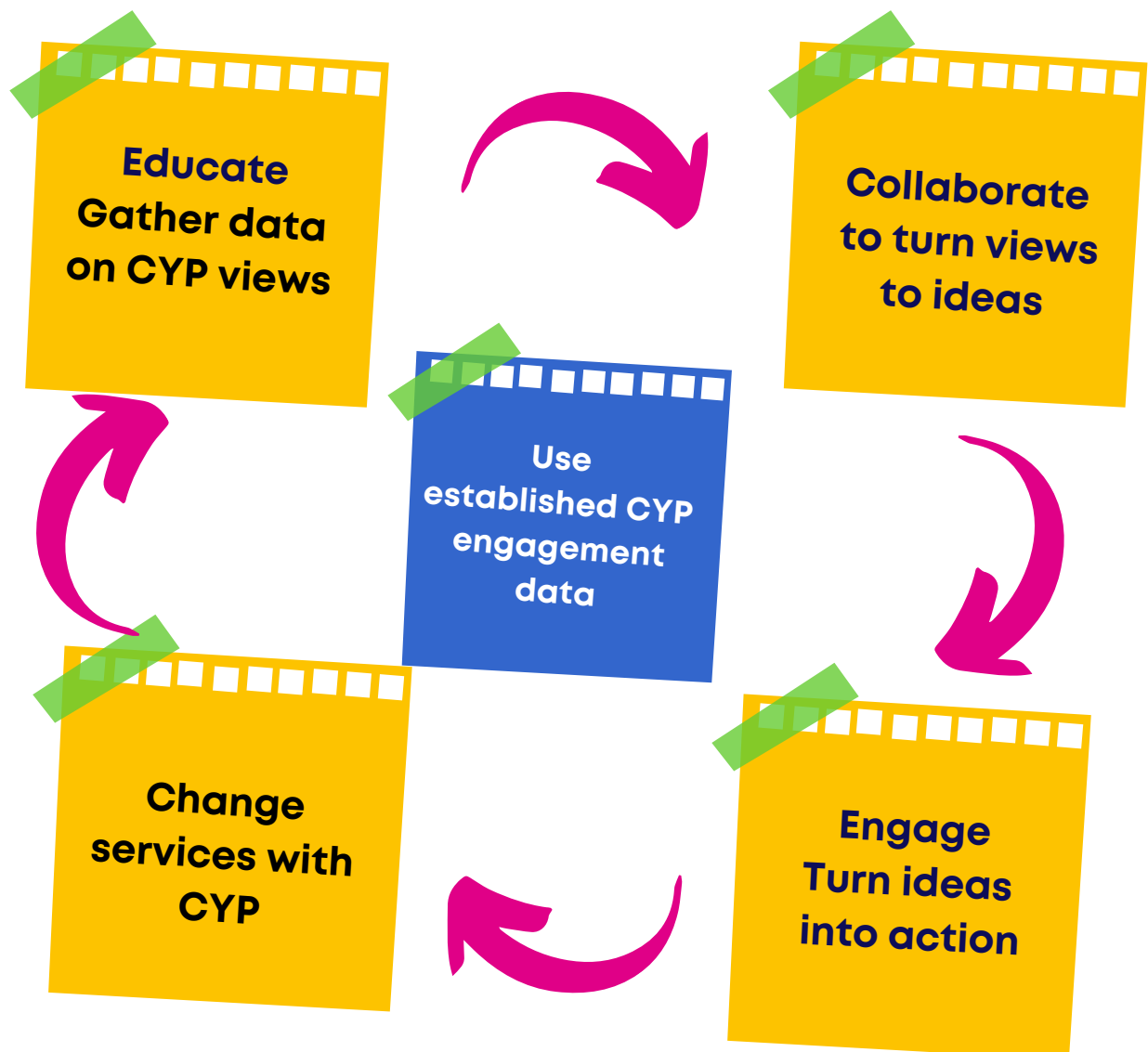
- Article 12: Right for CYP voices to influence decisions that affect them
- Article 24: Right to the best healthcare possible.

How to engage CYP in your ICS

CYP engagement involves **EDUCATING** ourselves on the CYP voice, **COLLABORATING** with the ICS to turn this voice into ideas, **ENGAGING** to turn those ideas in to action and measuring **CHANGE**.

Essential steps:

- Find the voices using the resources and engagement practices that are *already* available in your community
- Agree with your ICS how you will listen to and act on the experiences of CYP



Educate

BUILD A VOICE BANK

Use what is **already available in your community.**

- **In your trust:** Seek published reports or priorities from the established sources: hospital school, governance reps, QI leads, youth forum or child health research
- **At your council:** Find out what the statutory CYP voice groups have identified as their priorities
- **In your local area:** Speak with your local CVS or volunteer centre for links to health and wellbeing projects being led in schools, youth groups or uniformed organisations

USE LOCAL DATA TRENDS

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA)
- Make Your Mark results from the British Youth Council (BYC)
- Local Authority Health Profiles
- CQC inspection reports

USE NATIONAL DATA TRENDS

- The State of Child Health by RCPCH
- Paediatrics 2040 by RCPCH
- **Voice bank from RCPCH &Us**
- Visiting the Healthwatch Reports Library
- NHS England Youth Forum reports

DIRECT CYP ENGAGEMENT

RCPCH &Us has lots of resources to support you with your engagement planning

To find out more follow the QR code or go to www.rcpch.ac.uk/and_us





Collaborate

VIEWS TO IDEAS

- Create a list of recommendations for the ICS through a partnership between ICS decision makers & existing groups of CYP. Review data & identify themes to agree priority areas to work on
- Support CYP to share this report with ICP & ICBs, public engagement groups, system quality groups and the contributing CYP group

IDEAS TO ACTION

- ICS to **engage** with CYP on a systems level to co-produce and co-design solutions for the agreed priority areas.
- CYP services leads work with the ICS to map CYP voices & views data and action plans to the wider ICS plan
 - Aim to embed 25% of the overall actions in reference to CYP as they make up 25% of the population nationally



Engage



Change

- Ensure CYP voice is clearly articulated in your system wide plans for the ICS and engagement
- CYP to be embedded in supporting the ICS to develop plans, priorities, and improve services
- This will support your ICS to listen to and act on the experiences and aspirations of CYP & support them to improve their own health and wellbeing.

Follow the QR code for:

- [Full CYP engagement for ICS resource](#)
- [NHSE&I Ten principles for how ICSs work with people and communities](#)

