

The child's journey from conception to five

A child's journey begins at conception and continues late into the teenage years. The antenatal period and early years are critical, because this is the period of rapid growth and development, both physically and intellectually, and the foundations for lifelong health and wellbeing being established.

The following diagram shows the health care and development assessments for children from conception to five. It also shows when early education could be accessed. In addition to these children will be encouraged to participate in the UK Immunisation Schedule from 8 weeks of age, as vaccines are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases.

