

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP PATIENT CENTRED OUTCOME MEASURES (PCOMS) FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIR AND POSTURE SERVICES

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The Shropshire and Telford Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) presented a joint pathfinder bid to NHS England in January 2015 to develop Patient Centred Outcome Measures (PCOMS) to improve outcomes for wheelchair users. The bid was successful and Shropshire CCG was awarded £20,000 to deliver the project.

The project is a collaboration between the voluntary sector, community health care provider service and clinicians, commissioners, with input from service users, their families and parent/carer groups.

The aim of the project is to improve outcomes for young wheelchair users in Shropshire by

- ▶ consulting with children and young people and their families
- ▶ seeking guidance from health professionals, education and social care
- ▶ considering the latest research

This is a unique piece of work, as there are currently no agreed and comparable patient-centred outcome measures in existence for wheelchair and posture services.

We are approaching this project with the view to it potentially being rolled out more widely, as part of the national work around improving wheelchair services, which will provide an opportunity to benchmark services using quality outcomes.

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