

# Adopting Once For Morse In Scotland Approach To Introducing Digital Child Health Programme Review Forms For Use In Health Visiting, Family Nursing & School Nursing In Scotland

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## Introduction

The Child Health System (CHS) currently used across Scotland to capture health intelligence from Child Health Reviews undertaken by Health Visitors, Family Nurses and School Nurses is undergoing renewal. The new system will initially go live as a like-for-like replacement for the existing platform which limits opportunities for wider digital innovation. Recognising that many Health Boards in Scotland use Morse as their Electronic Records System, a "Once for Morse" digital transformation opportunity was explored. In collaboration with NSS and Cambric, the developer of Morse, digital versions of the Child Health System (CHS) forms have now been created.

## Anticipated outcome

The aim was to avoid multiple Boards individually designing and building CHS forms for use on Morse.

Drawing on NHS Forth Valley's success with digital versions of the previous forms, the anticipated benefits include:

- Reduced printing costs
- Reduced transportation costs
- Improved data quality and health intelligence locally and nationally
- Lower carbon footprint
- Less duplication of development across Health Boards
- Standardised mandatory completion fields

## Method

Cambric was first approached to assess feasibility before involving other Health Boards. An NSS Subject Matter Expert from the New Child Health System project was then linked with Cambric, leading to a short-life working group. Digital form developers from NHS Lanarkshire and NHS Forth Valley built the CHS forms in Morse using national templates. Nursing colleagues across Health Boards tested the forms to ensure they met clinical requirements. The forms are now complete and ready for implementation once the new Child Health System goes live.

## Conclusions

Collaborative work across Health Boards, alongside Cambric's Morse developers and colleagues from NSS has helped mitigate gaps not addressed by the new Child Health System project. This partnership has provided practitioners with a reliable and familiar digital version of the CHS form. An additional positive outcome has been the strengthening of constructive working relationships across Health Boards, which has created new opportunities for future joint digital development.

## Next Steps ▶▶▶

Review the quality of data published by Public Health Scotland to assess the improvements achieved.