

ImproviNg Tic services in EnglaND – the INTEND study: understanding the current organisation of services for children and young people and identifying features of an effective care pathway

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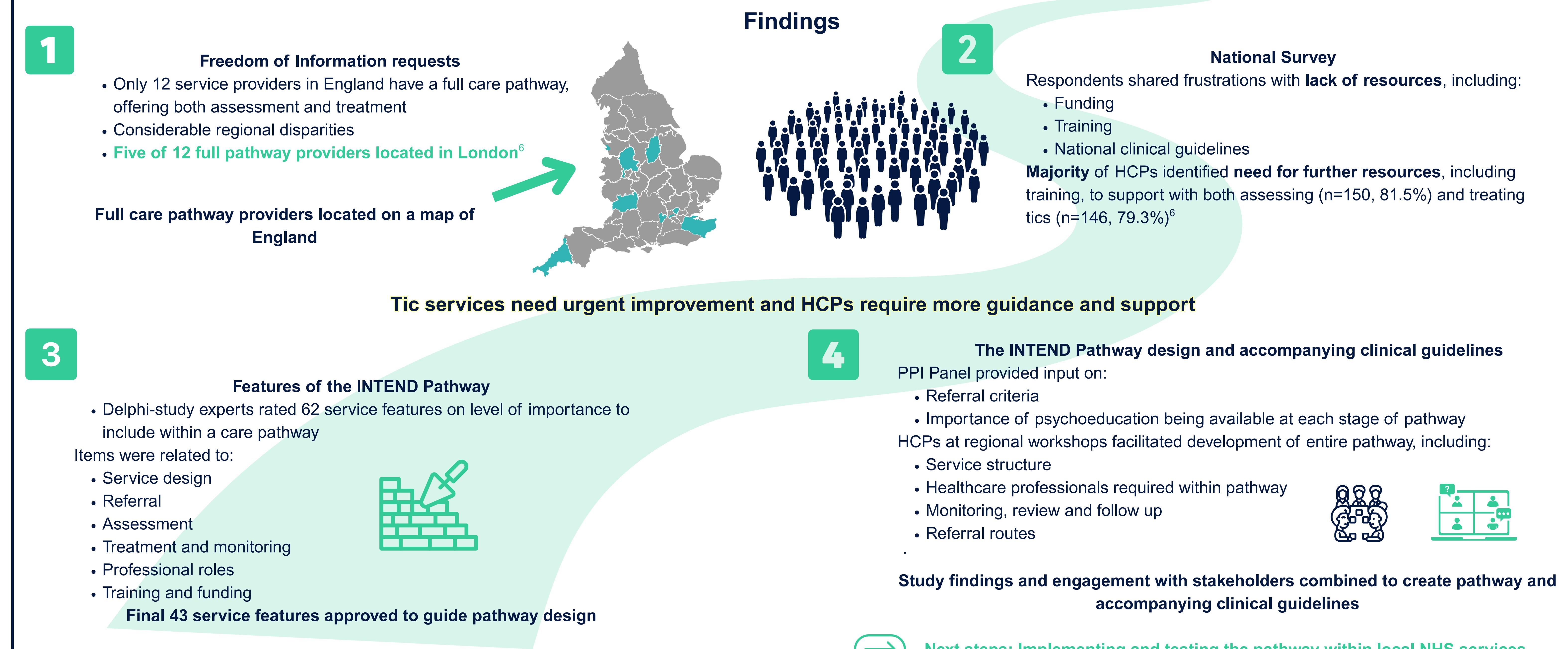
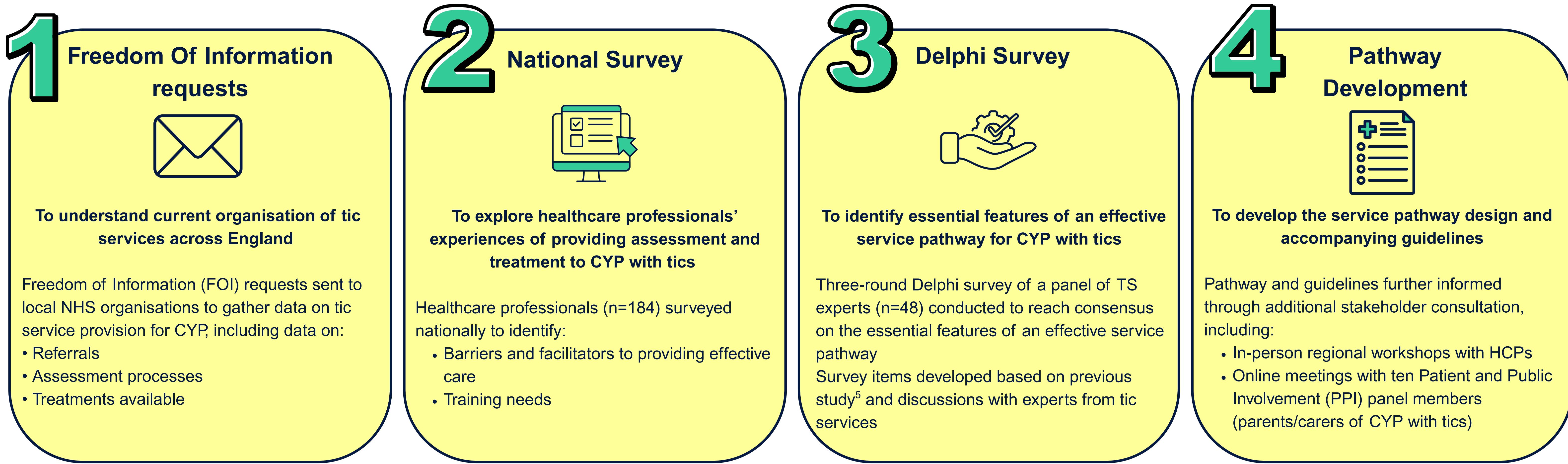


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Background

- Children and young people (CYP) struggle to access appropriate healthcare services for tics and Tourette syndrome (TS) in England^{1,2,3}
- Current local referral pathways have been described as 'unclear'² in many areas in the country
- Access to specialist clinicians and recommended behavioural therapies are limited⁴
- To reduce the risk of poor long-term outcomes for CYP with tics, prompt access to care through the National Health Service (NHS) is crucial
- Improvements to tic services in England are vital to ensure that healthcare needs of CYP with tics are met

The INTEND study had four areas of work:



Next steps: Implementing and testing the pathway within local NHS services

Conclusion

Findings from the INTEND study have provided information on where and how improvements can be made to tic services for CYP

Further work is in development to conduct an implementation and evaluation study to implement the INTEND service pathway on a local level to ensure effective tic service delivery across England

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