



## Quarterly Update - February 2025



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### Study Updates

The **three main research areas** within the study have now been **completed**:

1. Freedom of Information requests to NHS ICBs and service providers
2. A National Survey of healthcare professionals
3. A Delphi Survey of experts in the field of tics & Tourette syndrome

These three areas of study have shaped a **service pathway design** for **children and young people with tics**.



We have officially **submitted** our **first publication paper** for the INTEND study! The paper presented findings on **FOI requests** that investigated tic service provision across England & the **National Survey** of healthcare professionals.

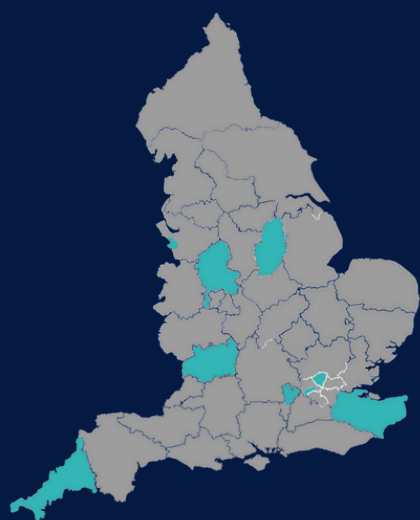
#### **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

We will be sure to let you know when the paper is published and how to access it!

Our second paper is currently **in development**.



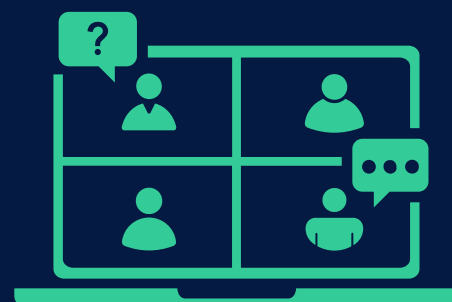
Map of England displaying areas where service providers with a **full care pathway** are located



After a great reaction to our **expert, co-designed pathway** which we presented at our **online dissemination event** in November, we are now meeting with **five sites** to discuss **local implementation**.

The **INTEND Pathway** for children and young people with tics is in its **final stages** of development. If you are interested in meeting to discuss **implementation**, please email the study team at:

[intend@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:intend@nottingham.ac.uk)





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We held a **workshop** attended by the full INTEND team on January 21st, during which we:

- Reflected on **findings** from the study
- Discussed **plans** for the **next project**

We will be applying for funding soon!



The INTEND team will be attending the annual **European Society for the Study of Tourette Syndrome Conference**.

We plan to present **study findings** and our **pathway design**.

We hope to see you there!



Emma McNally and Paul Stevenson recently attended the Parliamentary Neuro Reception, held by **The Neurological Alliance** and attended by over **30 Members of Parliament** or their representatives. The event focused on spreading **awareness** about **neurological conditions** and called for **improvements** to **care** and **support** available.

**Watch Paul's speech here**

Emma and Paul also handed out copies of the **Policy Brief** to attendees, a policy document that has been developed in relation to the INTEND study, highlighting the need for **appropriate commissioning** of services for children and young people with tics.

**Read the Policy Brief here**