

How to “correct for gestational age” when plotting children on the [UK Growth Charts](#)

| GROWTH CHARTS: an important indicator of child health, but are we getting it right? | Recognition of Faltering Growth** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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