





The Best Start: The Future of Children's Health – One Year on

Valuing school nurses and health visitors in England

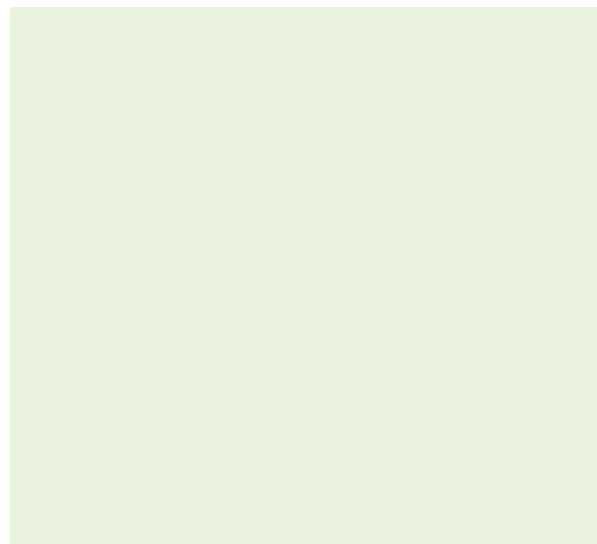
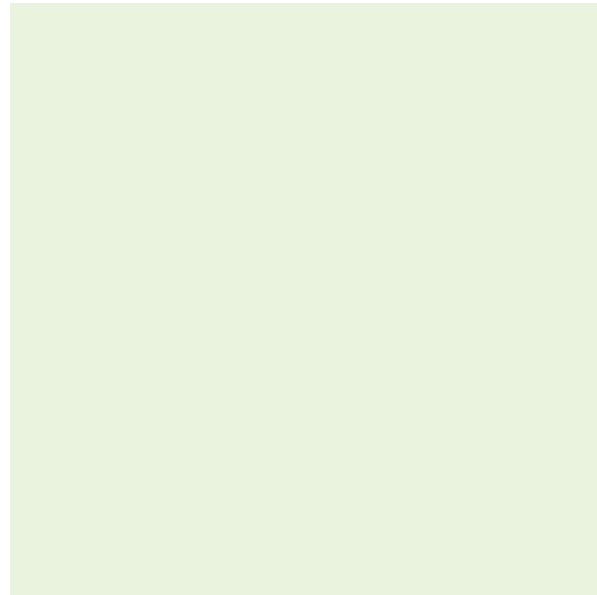


Children and young people's health

The health of children and young people is important for the health of the future population, as well the UK's social and economic success. A child's health has a significant impact on their wellbeing, educational attainment and economic prosperity throughout their adult life^{3,4}. Poverty and deprivation are linked to poor health outcomes in childhood and a negative impact on physical and mental health into adulthood⁵. A recent study by the Nuffield Trust found that the UK continues to lag behind many other developed countries with regard to child health outcomes⁶. Key findings highlighted that the UK:

Health visiting and school nursing services

The boxes below summarise the roles of health visitors and school nurses.



Children's and young people's public health nurses, including health visitors and school nurses, have a key role in delivering the Healthy Child Programme¹¹, aimed at ensuring every child gets the best start in life irrespective of their family wealth or background. Research evidence highlights the economic value of

Children's public health nursing workforce, education and training

The regulations accompanying the Health and Social Care Act 2012 provide local authorities with flexibility as to who can undertake home



Conclusion

19 Public Health England (2016) *Review of Mandation for the Universal Health Visiting Service* available at:

20 Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service *Annual report for the academic year 2016/2017 – Year 2*

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36 Nursing and Midwifery Council *Specialist
Community and Public Health Nursing
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