

What the new developing health visiting service will mean for families:

1 Your community

All communities will have a range of services provided through Sure Start Children's Centres and by other community groups. Health visitors work to develop these and make sure you know about them.

2 Universal services

Health visitors and their teams provide the Healthy Child Programme to ensure a healthy start for your children and families (for example immunisations, health and development checks), support for parents and access to a range of community services/resources.

3 Universal plus

Gives parents a rapid response from health visitor teams when specific expert help is needed (for example with postnatal depression, a sleepless baby, weaning or answering any concerns about parenting).

4 Universal partnership plus

Provides ongoing support from health visiting teams plus a range of local services working together and with parents, to deal with more complex issues over a period of time. These include services from Sure Start Children's Centres, other community services including charities and where appropriate, the Family Nurse Partnership.

- Health visitors can make a big difference to the health and wellbeing of children, families and communities and to improving public health and reducing inequalities.
- Over the next five years, the NHS is recruiting an extra 4,200 health visitors in England, and is redesigning the service to deliver four key offers for families and communities:

- 1 Your community
- 2 Universal services
- 3 Universal plus
- 4 Universal partnership plus

- If you are interested in a career in health visiting or would like to return to the profession, now is the time. Please visit our website for further information or alternatively contact a member of our team.



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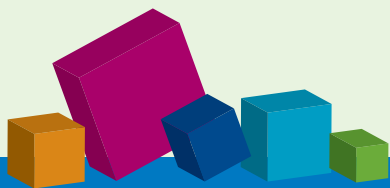
Helping children and families to be healthy, safe
and realise their potential

**Have you thought about a
career as a health visitor?**

Are you a nurse/midwife?

**Were you previously a
health visitor and would like
to return to practice?**

**If so, this could be the
perfect opportunity for you!**



Thinking of becoming a health visitor?

Health visitors are passionate, inspiring individuals who have real influence within their role to make a difference to communities, children and young people.

Become a lead practitioner...

If you are interested in children and families and want to make a difference in people's lives, then health visiting is the career for you!

Taking the lead...

You will play a fundamental role in the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme, preventing social exclusion and deprivation, reducing inequalities, and tackling key health priorities, such as obesity, smoking, alcohol abuse etc.

Every day is different...

From home visits to families, running support groups for parents, and working in collaboration with a range of children's agencies and professionals.

Supporting you...

You will be given ongoing support and resources to fulfil this important role:

- A team of support staff
- Access to specialist training as and when needed (such as supervision, leadership development and the Healthy Child Programme).



High fliers...

This is a job that requires high levels of skill, judgement, initiative, professional knowledge and leadership. You will have a specialist qualification in a service that is continuing to grow. There are many opportunities to progress in this valued, interesting and diverse public health career. Salary ranges from Agenda for Change bands 6 to 8 and beyond.

Health visitor training...

In order to train as a health visitor you must be a qualified nurse/midwife currently on the Nursing and Midwifery Council register. You will then need to undertake a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (SCPHN) Training Programme.

Return to practice...

NHS West Midlands would love to have you back as a health visitor. Your skills and experience are invaluable to us, and we would aim to make it straight forward and easy for you to return to the profession. Returning to health visiting is a big decision and you are bound to come across a few changes since you left. However, now is a good time to return and to be optimistic about the future of health visiting.

Please visit our website for further information regarding:

- Applying for training and clinical placements
- University open days
- Return to practice University courses

www.healthvisiting.westmidlands.nhs.uk

Parents have told us what they want from their health visiting service: source: Department of Health

“A community that supports children and families”.

“Services that give our baby/child a healthy start. Best advice on being a parent. To know our health visitor and how to contact them”.

“To have the right people to help over a longer term when things are really difficult. To know those people and that they will work together and with us”.

“A quick response if we have a problem and to be given expert advice and support by the right person”.

