

Health visitors and Sure Start

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- **An approach to commissioning health visiting in partnership**
 - **Service transformation**
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- **Examples of good practice of health visiting and Sure Start Centres**



Commissioning health visitor services

NHS England is responsible for commissioning by 201:

- An additional 4200 health visitors
- A transformed service

From 2015 responsibility for transforming health visiting will transfer to local authorities with the rest of 0-5s public health commissioning.

NHS England is working closely with LGA nationally and Area Teams with local authorities to ensure service transformation leads to a sustainable service.



Service transformation deliverables

- **Full delivery of new model of health visiting**
 - Universal components of the Healthy Child Programme
 - Understanding and supporting the needs of communities
 - Targeted specialised support
 - Intensive multi-agency working to meet complex needs
- **Ensure that commissioning of public health services for 0-5s is effective and embedded with commissioning of other early years services.**
- **Improvement in defined public health outcomes: breast feeding, imm and vac, obesity, oral health, reduced non-elective admissions, birth-weight, SATOD and infant mortality.**



Partnership approach to health visiting

- 2013-14 spec in contracts sets out new model of health visiting and how that should be delivered in partnership. Updating for 2014-15.
- Performance framework dashboard includes assessment of partnership working.
- Working with PHE child health network on atlas of benchmarked PH outcomes for 0-5s
- Resource for service transformation. Area teams will bid for funding on behalf of local partnerships including local authority early years services.



Service specification requirements include:

- **Area based HV service structured in line with local children's services**
- **Delivery of integrated services for children and families**
- **Support Children's Centres, sit on boards**
- **Deliver core programme and integrated services including two to two and a half year check**



Health visitors and Sure Start: examples of good practice

Manchester Early Years New Delivery Model:

- **Integrated assessment and care pathway with 5 key stages: pre-birth, new birth visit, 3 month, 8-9 month and 2 year review plus evidence based interventions.**
- **Pilots at Old Moat Children's Centre (also Rusholme and Charlestown)**
 - **Co-location**
 - **Sure Start registration forms completed for all new babies**
 - **Integrated approach to assessment and planning interventions**
 - **Joint home visits between health visitors and outreach workers.**



Health visitors and Sure Start: examples of good practice

- **Further examples from Manchester:**
 - **Use of Sure Start Centres to facilitate Healthy Child Drop-ins, 8 month and 2 year old developmental checks and immunisation clinics**
 - **Outreach workers signposting parents to breast-feeding and weaning advice sessions held by health staff in Children's Centres**
 - **Health advice and support at Stay and Play sessions: oral health, communication, language development, smoke-free homes.**



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Examples from Bolton:

- **Multi-agency resource panels**
- **Co-location of services**
- **Integrated governance**
- **Joint assessment**



In summary

- **NHS England commissioning health visiting in the wider context of services to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes for young children and families**
- **Ensuring that service transformation delivers new model of health visiting – effectively and sustainably.**
- **Providing leadership through specification, performance management and through resource for service transformation**
- **Many examples of how this approach is being implemented in local areas.**
- **Key is a focus on outcomes, evidence based delivery, clear roles and team work**

