





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

**Valuing school nurses and health visitors in England**

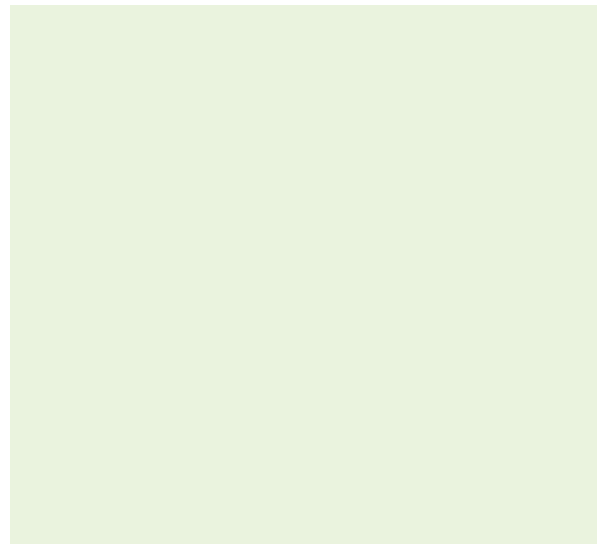
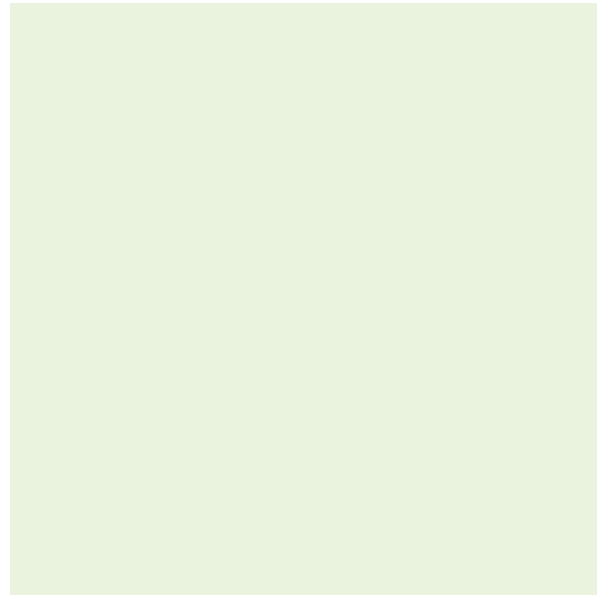


## Children and young people's health

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<sup>3,4</sup>. Poverty and deprivation are linked to poor health outcomes in childhood and a negative impact on physical and mental health into adulthood<sup>5</sup>. A recent study by the Nuffield Trust found that the UK continues to lag behind many other developed countries with regard to child health outcomes<sup>6</sup>. 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 Programme<sup>11</sup>, 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  
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