

New Health Visiting Model

The health visiting service will be offered to every family with a child/children under the age of 5 years ensuring access to the health visiting service as described in the Health Visitor Implementation Plan 2011-2015 – A Call to Action. The provider will work closely with commissioners to implement the new health visiting model as described below by 2015:

- **Community** – Based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment the service will understand the needs of local communities contributing to a directory of services to meet those needs. Health visiting professionals in the local area are to be supported in community development work undertaking the new 'building community capacity' training module.
- **Universal** – All elements of the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) 'Pregnancy and the First Five Years of Life' are to be delivered using evidence – based universal prevention (including routine childhood immunisations and non-routine immunisations for at-risk babies e.g. Hepatitis B and BCG, health and development checks).
- Health visitors will lead the delivery of the core universal contacts through integrated children's services whilst directly delivering those areas specific to health visiting prioritising first time parents and working in partnership with Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) once implemented in Kent.
- **Universal plus** – The health visiting service will undertake specific areas of each progressive part of the programme where clearly it is the role of the health visiting service to do so using clearly defined evidence based care packages. Where the progressive elements of the programme relate to other disciplines or agencies the health visiting service will make timely referrals to or sign post on to other disciplines/agencies providing a flexible and seamless approach.
- **Universal partnership plus** – as a minimum the HV service will ensure that there is a health visiting representative on the Steering Group of each Children's Centre and that there is a health visiting representative on each of the Children Centre Advisory Boards across the districts in Kent. The HV service will ensure there are services/drop-in sessions provided by health visitors through Children's Centres. The health visiting service will actively participate in the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process.
- The health visiting service will actively contribute to the safeguarding of pre - school aged children and ensure the most current Child Protection processes are adhered to, working closely with other services particularly Social Services to support the Child Protection processes for children aged 0-5 years
- The health visiting service will work with the virtual school to ensure that all looked after children (LAC) are identified as being vulnerable and that

they have appropriate and timely access to HV advice and support in relation to the HCP.

- The health visiting service will contribute to the narrowing of the gap in inequalities agenda using the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment whilst contributing to the Public Health Outcomes