

Section 75 - A new approach to 0-19 Public Health Nursing services

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Current provision

The current 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service is a universal, preventative service, consisting of:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
- This service is part of a multi-agency approach to improving the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families and contributes to the Healthy Child Programme
- Delivery of the 5 core contacts of the HCP by Health Visiting Services and NCMP is mandated under the Health & Social Care Act (2012)
- The Service is currently commissioned by DCC Public Health and provided by Derbyshire Community Health Service (NHS) Foundation Trust

Rationale


- The council wants to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and families who access the services.
- We believe that the most effective approach for delivering these outcomes is through a partnership arrangement between DCC and DCHS.
- This complements the whole system approach to commissioning and provision of services through Joined-Up Care Derbyshire
- Cabinet gave approval to proceed with the development of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement on 26 July 2018.

Benefits of this approach

- This is an enterprising approach that builds on the very successful service we currently have – we are one of the best performing county areas in the country in the PHE Best Start in Life indicator set.
- It maintains stability of service provision and supports a more integrated approach to delivery of services for children, young people and families, aiming to improve outcomes.
- It will encourage greater transparency in activity and outcome against investment, allowing greater flexibility and responsiveness.

Our Shared Vision

“0-19s services support all children, young people and families in Derbyshire, to improve their well-being, thrive and reach their potential”



Best Start in Life

- Through the Partnership we will continue to provide services including Health Visiting and School Nursing.
- We are moving some money (£1m) from Public Health Nursing to invest in Childrens Centres.
- Additional support in the first 1001 days of a child's life can improve children's health, development and life chances.
- Children's Centres work closely with families in these first 1001 days and are evidenced to deliver major health benefits for children in more deprived neighbourhoods.

Why 1001 days are so important

- Pregnancy, birth and the first 24 months of life can be tough for every parent – and some may find it hard to provide the care and attention their child needs.
- This period of time (1001 days) is a chance to affect great change, as pregnancy and the birth of the baby is a critical window of opportunity when parents are especially receptive to offers of advice and support

Our aims

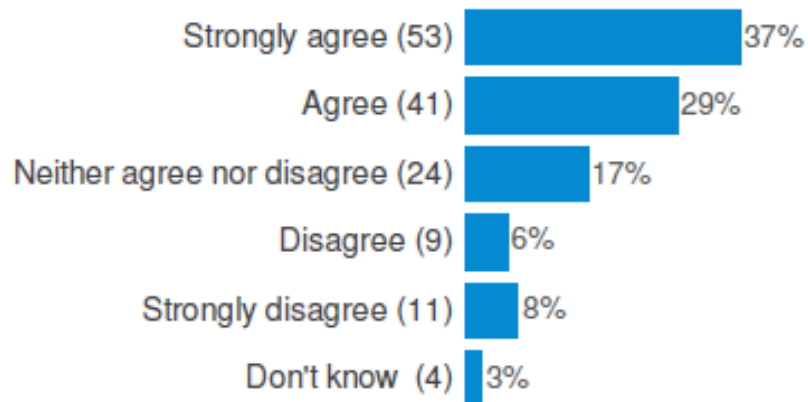


Consultation on the Section 75

Do you agree or disagree that 0-19 years public health nursing services (e.g. health visiting and school nursing) should be joined up with other services for children, and with wider NHS services?



How strongly do you agree or disagree that the Council should develop the future of the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Services through a formal partnership agreement with Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust, in which the Trust provides the services on behalf of the Council? (... option 1)



Key Milestones

Include:

- Engagement with communities that live and/or work in Derbyshire
- Establishing governance arrangements
- Developing a legal partnership agreement
- Agreeing the service specification
- Modelling how the new service will be delivered
- Transferring delivery of NCMP
- Agreeing support for the Early Help Offer

Current Challenges

- Public Health Nursing capacity
- Safeguarding
- Vision screening
- Impact of changes to DCC Early Help services

Public Health Nursing Capacity (Health Visiting)

- Evidence suggests that the greatest impact on a child's life can be had in the first 1001 days.
- This is the period of time where health visitors have all of their 5 mandated contacts, and is the minimum level of service that families should receive in England.
- The Institute of Health Visiting recommends a maximum of 250 children to one health visitor in order to deliver a safe service.

Health Visiting in Derbyshire

- All 5 mandated reviews will be undertaken by trained health visitors
- Continuity of care for families (a named Health Visitor for every child until school)
- A maximum average caseload of 300
- An additional face to face contact between the age of 3.5 years to school entry to support families to be ready for school

Public Health Nursing Capacity (School Nursing)

- Unlike health visiting, school nursing is not a mandated service.
- Like health visiting, school nursing provides a series of contact points for children.
- From 1st October our Service will support the health and wellbeing of pupils through 1:1 interventions and health assessments.
- The ability to undertake these public health interventions is dependent on the level of advice PH Nurses are required to provide to the safeguarding process.

Safeguarding

- We are committed to ensuring that children have the right representation to safeguard their health interests.
- System-wide challenge to other health providers and commissioners.
- Must ensure that it “is the professional who knows the individual child and family best, and who can therefore provide the best possible advice to inform decision making”.

Vision Screening

- Proposing to change the model from school-based screening to signposting to high-street opticians.
- Engagement (online and face-to-face) from March to July 2019. So far, 458 people have engaged in this
- Responses from the engagement have been mixed - the online engagement produced a different outcome to the face to face.
- Work ongoing (in collaboration with stakeholders across the system) regarding any potential model beyond 2020.

Impact of Changes to DCC Early Help services

- The proposed changes to early help and public health nursing services will occur at the same time
- Offer to families and children for both services will be different
- Governance group working to ensure changes to one service does not detrimentally affect other

Questions?