National Nursing Research Unit
Health Visitor Work Programme
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The research team
Background to the research

Health Visitor Implementation Plan 2011–15

A Call to Action
February 2011

Integrated programme plan for the delivery of a new health visiting service

1. Growing the workforce
2. Professional mobilisation
3. Aligning the delivery systems
Our research aim

To provide evidence to take forward the ‘Call the Action’ and to strengthen and rejuvenate the service
Our research contribution

Literature review
Narrative synthesis of health visiting practice

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Empirical study
Exploring service users’ views

Empirical study
Recruitment and retention for health visiting
## Structuring our narrative review

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### Protecting children

#### Community level
- HVs build capacity & develop community services

#### Universal services
- Leading the Healthy Child Programme

#### Universal plus
- Additional care packages

#### Universal partnership plus
- Providing ongoing support for complex issues
Recruitment and retention

Strand 1: Focused literature review

Strand 2: Empirical work exploring the views of students and practising health visitors

- What attracts new recruits and returners to the profession?
- What factors help retain health visitors?
Service user views

Strand 1: Focused literature review

Strand 2: Qualitative empirical work exploring the views of users of health visiting services

- What aspects of health visitors’ practices do service users find valuable and enabling?
- What do parents think of the new service and ‘family offer’?
- What skill mix and team working models do service users find most constructive and helpful?
Our timeframe

April-May 2011
Team set up
Literature review strategy

June-July 2011
Topic-focused, systematic searches

August 2011 - March 2012
Lit. reviews Fieldwork: early stages

April-Sept 2012
Fieldwork Data analysis

September 2012
Submission of reports
Thank-you!

Questions or Thoughts?

Any unpublished research?
Thoughts on student recruitment or staff retention?
Suggestions for exploring parents’ views?

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