Our Health Visiting and School Nursing Teams

Health Visiting

A health visitor is a qualified nurse or midwife who has undertaken additional training to become a specialist community public health nurse which includes child development and health improvement.

Within the health visiting team there may also be community nursery nurses, health visitor assistants and admin support workers who may have contact with a family.

Health visitors give confidential advice, care and support to families with babies and young children up to five years old. The health visiting team is there for all families with pre-school age children. We offer health assessments, advice and support on child, parenting and adult matters and act as a central point of contact for services available to the child and their family.

We monitor and promote the physical and emotional health of mothers, fathers, babies and the general health of their families. This includes giving advice and support on:

- General health
- Nutrition
- Behavioural difficulties
- Child development, including specialist developmental needs
- Postnatal depression and emotional wellbeing
- Domestic violence
- Social issues e.g. housing and finance
- Child protection.

We are trained to promote and manage the process of infant feeding including specialist support and advice to mothers who are breastfeeding. We have an important role in child protection/safeguarding to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children up to the age of five. To do this, we work jointly with families and other agencies and professionals - including midwives, Children’s Centres, GPs, school nurses and social workers, etc.

School Nursing Service
The School Nursing Service is a central and accessible point of contact for children, young people and their families, working with both health and non-health professionals, to promote and support their identified physical, emotional and social needs. It delivers year round nurse-led health provision by incorporating an age appropriate public health service spanning the ages of 4 to 19 years.

The school nursing service will provide the Healthy Child Programme (5-19 years).

The school nursing service is represented by specialist community public health nurses (SCPHN), school nurses and school nurse assistants. The School Nursing Service will promote the holistic health of the school aged population. This may include:

- Smoking cessation
- Relaxation
- Support for parents and carers’ in behaviour management on a ‘one-to-one’ or group basis
- Sexual health advice/support
- Enuresis (bedwetting) support/advice/clinics
- Drugs and alcohol advice/support
- Co-ordinate/support the immunisation programme of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Advice and support on health issues to children and young people with on-going or specific health needs
- Health assessment/surveillance
- Being part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
- Promote emotional health and wellbeing
- Promote healthy weight/lifestyles.

Across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland staff working in the School Nursing Service cover 227 primary schools, 53 secondary schools in the county and Rutland, 111 city schools and 29 special schools/units across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
Some of our current opportunities advertised on NHS Jobs

Band 6 Health Visitor

**Job Reference: 313-A-16-27580-SB**

**Employer:** Leicestershire Partnership Trust  
**Department:** Families, Young People and Children  
**Location:** Blaby

**Salary:** £26,041-£34,876-pro rata

**Note:** Suitable for newly qualified

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Blaby Health Visiting team. We are recruiting full-time and part-time Health Visitors to join the team based at Braunstone Health and Social Care Centre and Narborough Health Centre.

We are looking for enthusiastic, highly motivated practitioners who can maintain high standards of professional care and practice and who are able to demonstrate excellent team work, including good communication and leadership skills.

The successful candidates will be working with neighbourhood partners, families, groups and communities to deliver evidence-based care in accordance with the Standard Operating Guidance whilst delivering the Healthy child programme to families in the Blaby neighbourhood.

There will be opportunities to develop innovative practice within the locality in response to changing health needs and to ensure the delivery of a seamless service.

For more information about this post please contact Deborah Hockett, Clinical team leader on 07825865809 or Louise Martin Health Visitor on 07823536580
Band 5 School Nurse


**Employer:** Leicestershire Partnership Trust  
**Department:** School Nursing  
**Location:** Leicester City

**Salary:** Band 5 £21,692–£28,180 pa  

**Note:** Suitable for newly qualified

Band 5 – School Nurses

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our forward thinking, proactive and motivated School Nursing Team, who are setting the boundaries for new ways of working. You will work in a School Nursing Team, supporting the delivery of the Public Health Agenda for the 0-19 year old population and their families.

We are looking for Nurses with excellent communication skills, and a desire to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Based in Leicester City, at Westcotes Health Centre. The post is for 22.5 hours a week, all year round. We operate a flexible working policy which will include the expectation of working occasional evenings and weekends.

The Trust provides a comprehensive induction programme, mentorship and training.

For further information please contact: Mel Christie, Clinical Team Leader on 07825 282592 / 0116 2958714, or Lisa Massey, Clinical Team Leader on 07917 475031 / 0116 2953124