

Devon Public Health Nursing Service

School Nursing



What is PHN?

First Health Visitor employed 157 years ago. Florence Nightingale was responsible for the first programme of education for Health Visitors, and for promoting its spread.

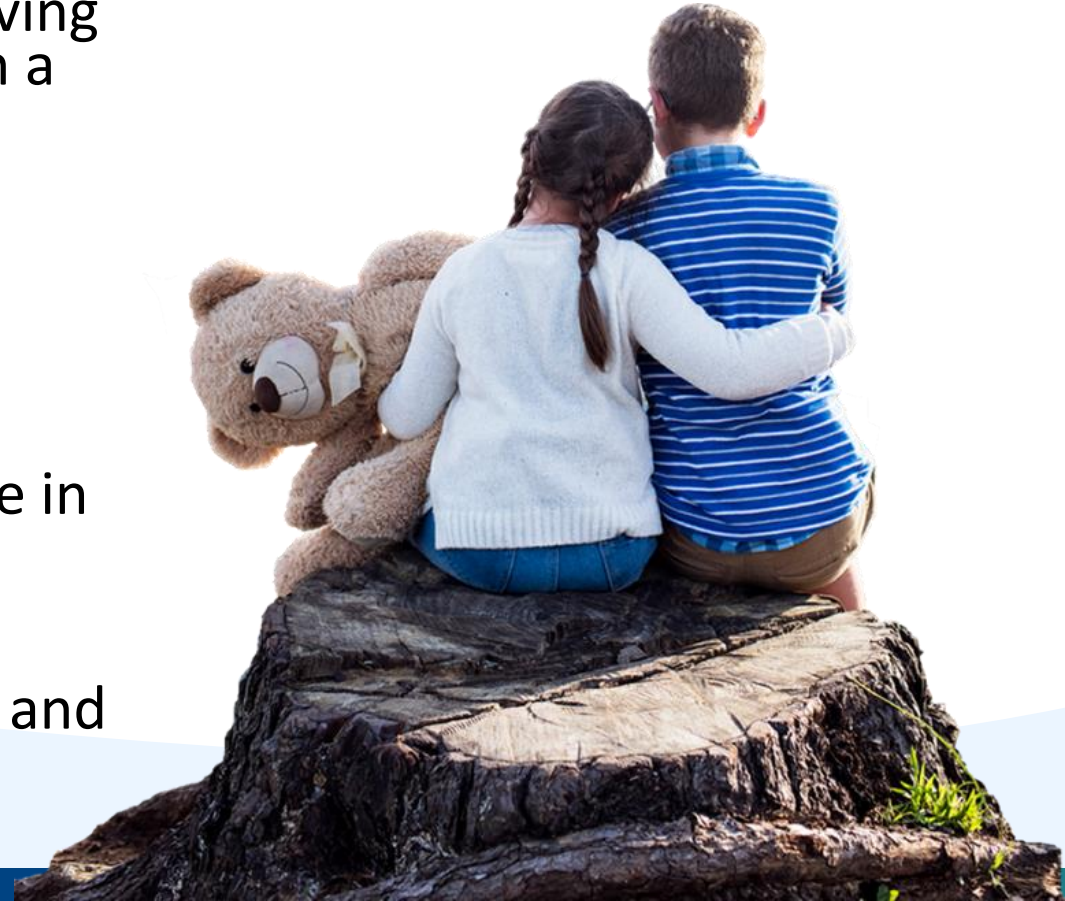
The first School Nurse was in 1892, tasked with improving school attendance. The 1907 education act resulted in a School Nurse Team for every local authority.

School Nurses are Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (SCPHNs).

Within Devon the service transferred to ICS Virgin Care in 2013.

SN moved to LA commissioning responsibility in 2013

Current PHN workforce in Devon comprised of HV, SN and CHW



How can we help?

The Health Visitor and School Nurse complete a Family Health Needs Assessment which helps to plan the level of service required.

Community - Signpost to information & support

Universal - Healthy Child programme

Universal Plus – A targeted intervention such as MHWB support or sleep advice

Universal Partnership Plus – Multi agency response to complex issues



Access to the service

Locality	Areas covered	Contact details
Eastern	East Devon, Cullompton and Tiverton	Jerrard Wing, Honiton Hospital T: 0333 234 1903 E: rde-tr.EasternPHNhub@nhs.net
Exeter	Exeter and Crediton	Franklyn House, Exeter T: 0333 234 1902 E: rde-tr.ExeterPHNhub@nhs.net
Northern	North Devon, Torrington and Okehampton	Taw View, Civic Centre, North Walk, Barnstaple. T: 0333 234 1904 E: rde-tr.NorthernPHNhub@nhs.net
Southern	Teignbridge, South Hams and Tavistock	Lescaze Offices, Dartington T: 0333 234 1901 E: rde-tr.SouthernPHNhub@nhs.net



- Families and young people contacting the service directly
- Receiving calls from professionals e.g. GPs and Social Workers
- Referrals into the PHN service



The School Nursing Service provides information and support to school aged children and their families based on either attendance at a Devon maintained school, free school or academy, or Devon residency.

We work in partnership with schools and other services to identify those children and young people who may need support from the School Nursing Service. This can also include working with schools to support their management of pupils with medical conditions and contributing to policies which impact on health.



Contact with the Service

Young people can contact the School Nurse directly for confidential advice and support via our CHAT Health texting service.

There is also a separate CHAT Health texting service specifically for parents/carers for information and advice only.

Appointment clinics for young people in arrangement with secondary schools and appointment clinics for children, young people and their family in community settings.

Home based appointment (where required)



In partnership with the school senior management team we will identify health needs across the school population and plan how we will work together to deliver the core offer over the academic year.

Identify with schools those children and young people who may require support at transition.

National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP).

Work with education regarding children and young people who may be missing from education and where there may be a need for public health nursing support.

Provide support, and advice in relation to toileting issues, healthy lifestyles, sleep routines and mental health and wellbeing.



Partnership Agreements

- An opportunity to discuss and agree how your school can be best supported by the School Nursing service
- Highlights relevant up to date health information to support the health of children in your school
- Reviewed on an annual basis

- Sleep support for children up to the age of 19
- 1:1 or family support, depending on the age of the child
- Focus on promoting good sleep routines using evidence based interventions

- A comprehensive offer of mental health support provision
- Interventions to meet assessed need and age of the child
- Delivered by registered nurses who have received specific training
- Practitioners have access to CAMHS support for professional guidance and onward referral if necessary

Questions

