

Integrated 2 year Review Agreement

Early years provider	
Name of Link Nursery Nurse/Health Visitor:	
If the Nursery/Early Years Provider has events to promote partnerships with parents, e.g. around the 2 year offer, do they invite their member of the link health visiting team to attend?	Y/N
Are regular (minimum of termly) meetings set up with the link health visiting team and the provider to identify any support programmes for parents with children at the setting e.g. toilet training, dental health and are appropriate arrangements for the delivery of the programmes agreed?	Please describe:
Are regular collections agreed with the link health visiting team and the provider for the collection and delivery of completed 2 year assessments?	Please describe: Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Any other By whom
Where a concern is identified by either assessor contact must be made with the other agency to agree next steps e.g. meet with parents	Y/N
Discussion and agreement that both agencies will address any concerns in line with their own current policies	Y/N

Signed Early Years Provider.....

Signed Health Link.....

Date.....

Review Date.....

Role of the Named Health Visitor

In Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside from the time the health visiting service is notified that a woman is pregnant she is allocated a named health visitor who will contact her in the ante natal period and begin the 1:1 relationship that will continue until that child enters school. The named health visitor works in a team which may consist of nursery nurses and staff nurses who will also be involved in delivering care to the family.

The role of the health visitor is incredibly varied working with a range of different people and in a range of settings.

Leading and delivering child and family health services (pregnancy through to 5 years).

Having a child comes easily to some parents, where for others, the adjustments can be difficult. Health visitors work with all parents to assess the support they need and develop appropriate programmes to help give the child the best possible start in life.

Health visitors support and educate families from pregnancy through to a child's fifth birthday. Common tasks include:

- offering parenting support and advice on family health and minor illnesses
- new birth visits which include advice on feeding, weaning and dental health
- physical and developmental checks
- Providing families with specific support on subjects such as post natal depression.

Health visitors also work closely with other professionals such as nursery nurses and Sure Start children's centre workers and retain the overview of the health and well-being of children and families.

Providing ongoing additional services for vulnerable children and families

Being skilled at identifying vulnerable families means health visitors can enable parents to express their needs and decide on the support they receive. The type of support can include:

- referring families to specialists, such as speech and language therapists
- arranging access to support groups, such as those provided by Sure Start children's centres
- organising practical support - for example working with a nursery nurse on the importance of play.

Contributing to multidisciplinary services in safeguarding and protecting children

Health visitors are trained in recognising the risk factors, triggers of concern, and signs of abuse and neglect in children. They also know what needs to be done to protect them.

Often, they are the first to recognise whether the risk of harm to a child has increased to a point where actions need to be taken to protect them. They'll also maintain contact with families while formal safeguarding arrangements are in place; ensuring families receive the best possible support during this time.

As they are involved in every stage of the child protection process, including serious case reviews, they are sometimes called upon to appear in court to explain the action taken.

Providing additional services through or in partnership with Sure Start children's centres

Health visitors are also involved in delivering a wide range of health services in the children's centre, including:

- establishing effective partnerships between the children's centre, local GPs, the primary healthcare team and maternity services
- coordinating health campaigns
- offering education and training for children's centre staff.

Where do health visitors work?

Health visitors see parents and families in a variety of settings, including:

- their homes
- clinics
- GP surgeries
- Sure Start children's centres.

They also spend a lot of time working with other agencies and healthcare professionals who share a common commitment to children's development. These include:

- GPs
- allied health professionals
- voluntary agencies

Role of the Link Health Visiting Team:

In Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside health visiting teams are organised in geographical areas delivering the health visiting service within a defined population.

Each health visiting team has been asked to appoint a link health visitor for every early year provider (EYP), the role of this link health visitor will be to:

- Be the link to the other health visitors that may be the named health visitor for children in the early years setting e.g. being able to provide contact details for the named health visitor if these are unknown
- Visit the early years setting at least termly to discuss any identified support programmes for parents
- With the health visiting team deliver identified support programmes e.g. dental health
- Agree with the early years setting the process for sharing the 2 year assessment summaries