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Health Visiting: a priority for the NMC

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Revitalising the health visiting profession

- the NMC are committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of young people and families across the UK with expert, effectively regulated health visitors
- wealth of evidence that targeted activity on health improvement and prevention positively impacts on communities
- health visitors have a pivotal role in tackling the serious public health challenges that have emerged across the UK

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What have we done so far?

- we have made health visiting a priority
- we have increased our dedicated health visiting resource
- we have obtained initial agreement from the four Chief Nursing Officer’s on a reform and focus of the health visiting role

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Our thinking so far…

- health visitors should be leaders in public health for young people
- health visiting should remain a post registration qualification
- safeguarding, though an integral part, should not be the main focus of the role

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Our thinking so far…

- focus on promoting health and wellbeing and tackling inequalities
- revamp of role will provide a career framework and wider opportunities for development

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Next steps

- October - December 2011 - construct a programme of work, review the evidence
- January - March 2012 - develop proposals and begin stakeholder engagement
- end of 2012 - publish plans
- 2013 - begin implementation

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Help us shape your profession

- we encourage you to get involved in this exciting piece of work.

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