

**Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Children's Services report to Health and Wellbeing Board**

Date of meeting	1 December 2015
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Subject	Public health services
Reason for the report	To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the contracts relating to school nursing and health visiting.
Confidential	No
Recommendations	To note the current position
Key points	<p>The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred the duties around public health from NHS England to local authorities. This process started in April 2013 and included the transfer of school nursing services on 1 April 2015. The process completed with the transfer of health visiting services and Family Nurse Partnership on 1 October 2015.</p> <p>There are three specific contracts, currently commissioned through Public Health Berkshire on behalf of RBWM, relating to school nursing and health visiting. The requirements of these services are set out in national guidance and include a number of mandated elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School nursing – contract expires 31 March 2016.• Health visiting – contract expires 30 September 2016.• Family Nurse Partnership – contract expires 30 September 2016. <p>Within the Royal Borough, the school nursing and health visiting services are seen as key elements of early help and specialist provision for children, young people and their families. The transfer of school nursing and health visiting responsibilities to the local authority enables further integration of services to residents, with health professionals as part of wider teams of professionals with the potential to increase their skills to deliver a wider range of services.</p> <p>The Royal Borough is exploring a number of options for how these responsibilities, within the context of the wider Children's Services early help and specialist provision, will be delivered.</p>
Financial implications	Funding for the school nursing and health visiting contracts comes from the public health grant.