



THE COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS' AND HEALTH VISITORS' ASSOCIATION

Unite/CPHVA Fact Sheet

Unite/Community Practitioners' and Health Visitors' Association is the UK professional body that represents registered nurses, health visitors, school nurses and community nursery nurses who work in a primary or community health setting.

Unite/CPHVA is a professional section of Unite, which was formed in May 2007 by an amalgamation of Amicus and the Transport and General Workers' Union to become the UK's largest trade union.

Unite/CPHVA campaigns to protect the status of the community practitioner and the services they deliver. The government has been committed since 1997 to the importance of community practitioners as part of its strategy for eradicating health inequalities. Unite/CPHVA comes under the Unite Health Sector 'umbrella' and Unite is the third largest union in the NHS with about 100,000 members.

At the same time, there is no room for complacency as certain NHS trusts, health authorities and boards are always seeking to 'restructure' or introduce economies that could be detrimental to Unite/CPHVA members, their patients and clients.

Unite/CPHVA talks on a daily basis to key decision makers in all relevant government departments, NHS trusts, and other professional organisations. Unite/CPHVA understands that devolution has meant new individual – and now differing - healthcare agendas for the four countries that form the United Kingdom.

Being part of a larger organisation gives Unite/CPHVA added strength in its aim of ensuring that the community practitioner remains a valued - and distinct - entity in the health service in the coming years.

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