

Contented collaboration Partnership and the role of the wider community in the Foundation Years

The Future of Sure Start

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What will I cover in my 10 mins?

- The changes CPHVA is seeing to Sure Start children's centres across the country
- Views on the government's plan to recruit more health visitors
- Progress towards better joint working between early years and health services
- Views on effective outreach strategies – what is the role of health visitors and how can they work with other services to target hard to reach families?

The changes CPHVA is seeing to Sure Start children's centres across the country

- The Guardian (15/11/11) The government has confirmed that there are now 124 fewer Sure Start centres for children than there were when the coalition formed last year. (Lord Hill of Oareford, the education minister, released figures that showed there were 3,631 Sure Start centres in April last year, but by 8 September this year there were only 3,507).
- The Little Society is a part of Unite for our society campaign. This isn't just campaigning about Children's Centres but that cuts that are happening across the public and third sector which is impacting negatively on our children www.uniteforoursociety.org/little-society.
- '[Local Services for Parents: What Mums Need](#)', outlines the findings of a detailed survey of 1,860 Netmums. A key message was how essential parents think children's centres are; of the parents living in England with a child under the age of one, 60% said they used their Children's Centre a lot or sometimes.
- There should be a lesson learnt by the coalition Government by what happened to health visiting since the late 90's...



Views on the government's plan to recruit more health visitors

Health visitor targets increased after DH gets its sums wrong

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Eight out of 10 English regions have been given increased targets for health visitor recruitment after their numbers continued to decline.

The Department of Health wants an extra 4,000 health visitors in post by 2011, above of May 2010 levels. In 2010, there were 8,024 whole-time equivalents recorded as working in England – nearly 20% above the current level.

Last month Nursing Times reported the DH's baseline number appeared artificially high (news, page 2, 11 October). This was because non-practising health visitors employed by community service providers and health visiting team members who were not on part three of the register were included.



Health visitor recruitment targets have risen by up to 29%

saw the number of whole-time equivalent health visitors fall to 7,724 by July 2011, according to the DH annual report into its health visitor strategy.

This means almost 4,000 health visitor posts are needed to meet the target, which was based on population need.

But of England's target has been increased by 20%, the South West by 22% and London's and the North West's both by 14%.

target – between May 2010 and July 2011.

Data for Yorkshire and the Humber, the East Midlands and South Central is complicated by the fact they have lost or acquired areas as primary care trusts have joined together into clusters.

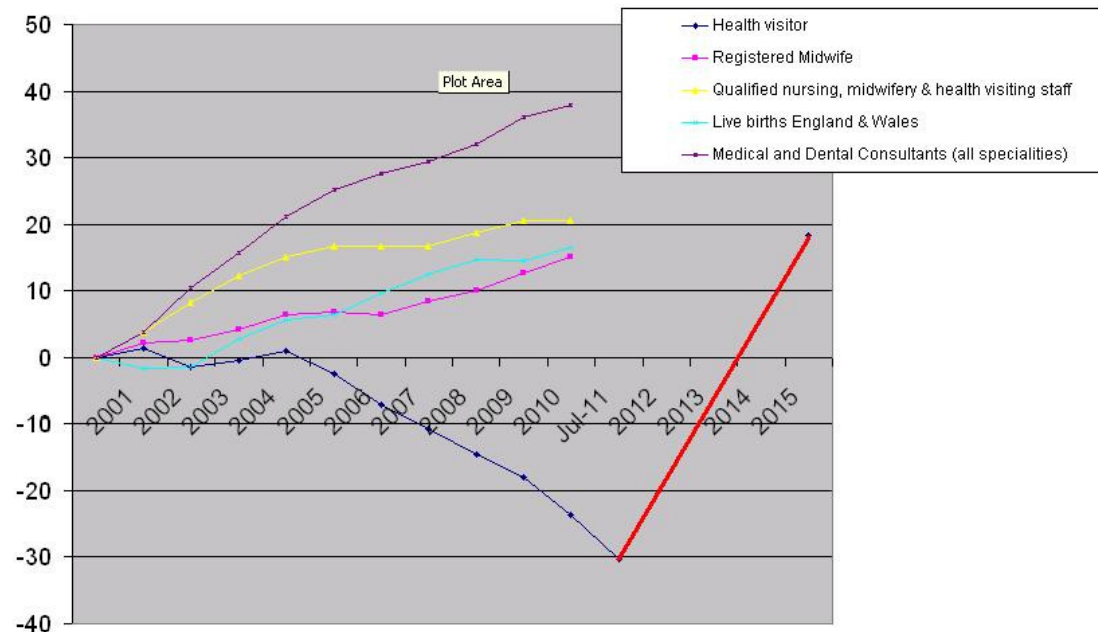
Unite lead professional officer Dibi Amadi said she was "hesitant" there were an extra 1,200 training places this year but worried about the



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- The coalition have made the strongest commitment to increase the number of health visitors in England by 4,200 (above 2010 baseline figure).
- Why was this needed? Who decided that there should be over 30% less health visitors in 2011 than in 2000?



Thanks for listening...



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