

Shropshire 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service Newsletter

May 2021

Covid-19 has caused major interruptions and delays in child health services. The Public Health Nursing Service is in the process of restoring services and this newsletter will detail current service provision (and give you some information on how we are looking at using technology to deliver services moving forwards).

We are embracing the opportunity to increase the use of digital technology and are continuing to resume some of the home visiting element of the service,

How to Contact Us:



Single Point of Access

033 358 3654



CHAT Health is a text service for parents / carers to contact Health Visitors

07520 635212



School Nurse Texting service

CHAT Health confidential service for young people

07507 330346



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Single Point of Access.

This is a single point of contact for parents, carers, public & professionals to access Health Visiting and School Nursing teams. If you require information on child development,

Breast feeding, weaning, sleep, behaviour issues any concerns or worries about your child then please call our Single Point of Access

You can speak to a Health Visitor or sign posted to appropriate services.

Single Point of Access telephone: **0333 358 3654**

Restoring Services...

0-5 years

New Birth Visits You will be offered a new birth visit before your baby is 14 days old. We are currently offering home visits in line with COVID guidelines. Our Health Visitors are now in uniform and will be wearing PPE.

6-8 week contact. You will be offered either a home visit or clinic appointment for the 6-8 week contact with a Health Visitor. This will be inline with COVID guidelines.

1 and 2 years development contacts. You will receive an Ages & Stages questionnaire and a health questionnaire, by post to be returned to the Public Health Nursing Service. Then depending on the results you will either have an email or telephone call with your child's results. Due to the pandemic we are experiencing delays with getting the results back to parents/ carers which we are working hard to rectify.



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School Drop ins: School nurses are now able to facilitate school drop ins for young people to access for their own health and well being needs. Social distancing measures are adhered too and PPE is worn.

National child measurement programme: The service is not yet able to undertake this element fully at present, if you are concerned about your child's health or weight please contact the service to discuss.

Eye health: It is recommended that your child has their vision checked in reception year or at anytime you have a concern about your child's vision. Please contact your local optician to discuss or book an appointment (you will not have to pay for the sight test.)

Family Nurse Partnership

Have continued to offer the licensed programme throughout the pandemic to young parents under 19 years of age, if you are pregnant and under 19 years of age or know someone who is please contact us to see whether you would be eligible for this service provision.

Emotional Health & Well being practitioners.....

Our service also has dedicated professionals who can support and sign post for emotional health and well being of both children and for parents/ carers during the antenatal or postnatal phase of your parenting journey.



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