



Reference: RFI 1803068

**Request:**

Please can you provide me with:

- The number of health visitors that you employ? I have included the definition used by NHS Digital below, and I would be grateful if you could also use this definition. If you are unable to use this definition, please identify which definition you have used instead.
- The date that you started providing the health visitor service? **1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**
- The number of health visitors that were employed on the day of transfer? **40.4 WTE**

If required, I'm asking for this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*Definition used by NHS Digital re. Health visitors (notes 28 and 29 from the nursing, midwifery and health visiting staff matrix of Occupation Code Manual)*

*28. Please ensure to code the following as Health Visitors:*

- *qualified nurses/midwives who also hold a qualification as a Registered Health Visitor under the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing part of the NMC Register working directly with children and families;*
- *qualified and registered Health Visitors who perform specific activities such as providing breastfeeding advice to parents;*
- *family nurses working within the Family Nurse Partnership Programme who are qualified and registered as Health Visitors;*
- *Sure Start Children's Centre qualified and registered named Health Visitors;*
- *managers within a Health visiting team who hold a health visiting qualification and registration and are involved in clinical work or safeguarding.*

*29. Please ensure that the following employees are not coded as Health Visitors:*

- *any person working in a health visiting team who does not hold a qualification and registration as a Health Visitor;*
- *any person who holds a qualification and registration as a Health Visitor but is not employed in a role where this is a requirement;*
- *managers within a health visiting team who hold health visiting qualification and registration but are not involved in clinical work or safeguarding.*

*Please see below the general definition for 'health visitor' from the Occupation Code Manual:*

*Health Visitor: An employee who holds a qualification as a Registered Health Visitor under the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing part of the NMC Register and who occupies a post where such a qualification is a requirement. Not below Agenda for Change Band 6.*