

Returning to health visiting

This page is for you if you're thinking of coming back to [health visiting](#) ^[1].

The NHS continues to increase the number of health visitors and a clearer definition of the role now makes it easier for other health professionals to understand and value what they do and can bring to the community. This may make it currently more attractive to return to the job you were trained to do.

The enhanced role of health visitor includes:

- leading the delivery of the government initiative, the Healthy Child Programme (HCP)
- being responsible for designing services locally for families
- having the authority to decide, with families, on the level of help and support they need
- playing a key role in the community to improve public health for all

Gloria Robinson

Health visitor

I have seen some real improvements in health visiting since returning, especially around addressing domestic abuse.

[Read Gloria's story of returning to health visiting](#) ^[2]

You can choose full-time or part-time re-training.

Your skills and experience as a health visitor are highly valued and returning to work has been made as straightforward as possible. Return to Practice (RTP) training courses are available across the country and are individually tailored, according to how long you have been away from health visiting and whether you also need to be readmitted to part 1 or 2 of the [NMC](#) ^[3] register (as a registered nurse or midwife).

The courses are flexible, usually taking between six months to a year to complete. RTP courses vary across the country and each local NHS organisation runs the programme differently. However, some may offer:

- financial support towards travel, childcare and books (if eligible)
- distance learning
- access to a personal practice assessor/supervisor
- supernumerary status (additional to normal staffing levels) on your clinical placements
- both theory and clinical based training

The NHS will fund the course fee and provide you with a stipend. Find out more about health visiting return to practice courses on the [Nursing and Midwifery Council website](#) [4].

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