

# HEALTH VISITOR

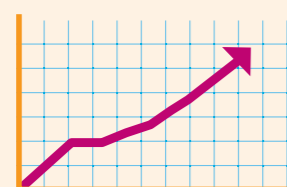


Starting salary for a health visitor in the NHS is Agenda for Change band 6 **£30,401** outside London. <sup>[1]</sup>



## Training

Health visitors are registered nurses or midwives, who have taken an approved programme in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing or Health Visiting. <sup>[2]</sup>



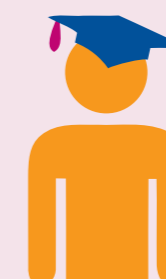
**94%**

**94%** of nursing students get a job within six months of finishing their course. <sup>[3]</sup>



**68**

Current health visitor vacancies in the NHS <sup>[4]</sup>



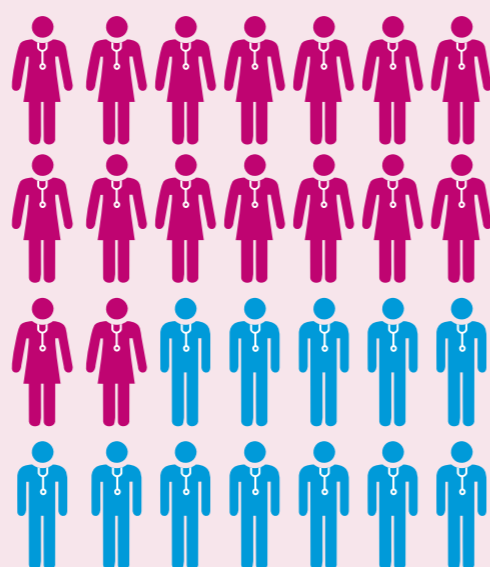
## Entry requirements

To become a registered nurse or midwife, you'll need to study for a degree level qualification in nursing or midwifery through either a full-time course or a degree apprenticeship. You'll typically need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4-9/C or above plus two or three A-levels or equivalent qualifications at level 3. <sup>[5]</sup>



Standard working week in the NHS is

**37.5 hours** <sup>[1]</sup>

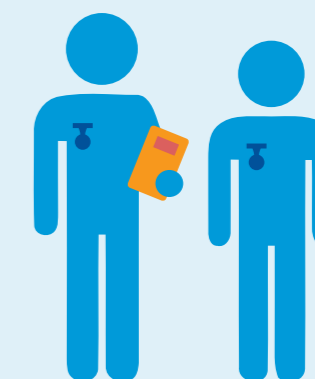


There are **9,383** qualified health visitors in the NHS <sup>[6]</sup>

**'What they say'**

"Lots of people dread going to work but I can honestly say that I love my job." <sup>[7]</sup>

Richard Montague,  
*(health visitor)*



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You need to be able to work independently for most of your time, although you'll work as part of a team of other healthcare staff. Being highly organised, flexible and able to prioritise effectively is vital. <sup>[8]</sup>

Facts and figures taken from; [1] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AfC](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AfC) [2] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/health-visitor/entry-requirements-health-visitor](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/health-visitor/entry-requirements-health-visitor) [3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/EXPLORE-ROLES/nursing/studying-nursing> [4] [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk) (30/05/19) [5] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/studying-nursing](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/studying-nursing) [6] <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/find-data-and-publications/supplementary-information/2019-supplementary-information-files/staff-numbers/nurses-and-health-visitors/number-of-health-visitors-november-2018> [7] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/public-health/health-visitor/real-life-story-richard-montague](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/public-health/health-visitor/real-life-story-richard-montague) [8] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/public-health/health-visitor/skills-and-interests-health-visitor](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/public-health/health-visitor/skills-and-interests-health-visitor)