Training
Health visitors are registered nurses or midwives, who have taken an approved programme in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing or Health Visiting.

Entry requirements
To become a registered nurse or midwife, you’ll need to study for a nursing or midwifery degree. You’ll typically need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above (usually in English and science) plus two or three A-levels or equivalent qualifications at level 3.

Starting salary for a health visitor in the NHS is Agenda for Change band 6 £26,565 outside London.

Skills and qualities needed
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.

What they say
“Lots of people dread going to work but I can honestly say that I love my job.” Richard Montague, health visitor.

Statistics
- 817 health visiting training places in 2016/17
- 9,087 qualified health visitors in the NHS
- 46 current health visitor vacancies in the NHS
- Standard working week in the NHS is 37.5 hours

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