

Motion: Motion B – Proposed by Councillor Penny Otton and seconded by Councillor Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw

'This Council strongly believes that all families deserve and require support during pregnancy and following the arrival of a child. It is mandatory for local authorities to deliver five family checks: antenatal, new baby, 6-8 weeks, 1 year, 2-2.5 years. Health Visitors are best placed to provide this support: the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee recommends that “all checks should be carried out by a health visitor”.

This Council is concerned that the redesign of the 0-19 Healthy Child Service, including the loss of 41.5 (fte) Health Visitors and the decision to make Community Staff Nurses responsible for two of the five mandated checks, will have a severe negative impact on the health and wellbeing of children and families in Suffolk.

Therefore this Council agrees that:

1. All five mandated checks (antenatal, new baby, 6-8 weeks, 1 year, 2-2.5 years) should be carried out by a dedicated Health Visitor rather than Community Staff Nurses. Wherever possible, the same Health Visitor should carry out all five checks to ensure that a relationship of trust is built with the family.
2. A central call centre for families is inappropriate, and families should be able to contact their local area teams as was previously the case.
3. Community Staff Nurses should not be expected to run clinics without Health Visitors present.
4. Additional Health Visitors will need to be recruited, over and above the current vacancies, to ensure that the necessary extra workload identified in this motion is manageable.'

Total Results	
For	20
Against	37
Abstain	3

Conservative Group	For	Against	Abstain
Mark Bee		X	
Peter Beer		X	
Stuart Bird		X	
Stephen Burroughes		X	
Louis Busuttil		X	
Jenny Ceresa		X	
Chris Chambers		X	
Mary Evans		X	
Robert Everitt		X	
James Finch	X		
Jessica Fleming		X	
Quillon Fox		X	
Mick Fraser		X	
David Goldsmith		X	
Tony Goldson			
Nick Gowrley		X	
Gary Green			
Matthew Hicks		X	
Rachel Hood		X	
Beccy Hopfensperger		X	
Christopher Hudson			
Gordon Jones		X	
Michael Ladd		X	
Stuart Lawson		X	
Guy McGregor			X
Robin Millar		X	
Graham Newman		X	
Alexander Nicoll		X	
Colin Noble			
Kay Oakes		X	
Patricia O'Brien		X	
Russ Rainger			
James Reeder		X	
Andrew Reid		X	
David Ritchie		X	
Craig Rivett			
David Roach		X	
Keith Robinson			
Richard Rout		X	
Richard Smith MVO			
Karen Soons		X	
Colin Spence			
Joanna Spicer		X	
Jamie Starling			
Jane Storey			X
Robin Vickery		X	
Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro		X	
Paul West		X	
Robert Whiting		X	
Steve Wiles		X	

Labour Group	For	Against	Abstain
Jack Abbott	✕		
Sarah Adams	✕		
Helen Armitage	✕		
Kathy Bole	✕		
Kim Clements			
Sandra Gage	✕		
Peter Gardiner	✕		
Mandy Gaylard	✕		
Jack Owen	✕		
Keith Patience	✕		
Bill Quinton			

Liberal Democrat, Green & Independent Group	For	Against	Abstain
Trevor Beckwith	✕		
Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw			
John Field	✕		
Paula Fox	✕		
Richard Kemp			
Robert Lindsay	✕		
Inga Lockington	✕		
Victor Lukaniuk	✕		
David Nettleton			✕
Penny Otton	✕		
Caroline Page	✕		
Andrew Stringer	✕		
David Wood	✕		

Independent	For	Against	Abstain
Steve Ardley			