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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI714329135**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Health visiting and School Nurse workforce.

You have requested the following information:

**I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request on behalf of the Royal College of Nursing. This request pertains to the health visiting workforce within the area covered by your local authority, which is listed among the upper-tier and unitary authorities receiving Public Health Grant allocations for 2025 to 2026.**

**The purpose of this FOI request is to gain a better understanding of current capacity and workforce trends in health visiting services commissioned by local authorities across England.**

**Specifically, we would like to request responses/information relating to the following questions:**

**1. Do you currently commission a health visiting service?**

Yes, Coventry City Council commissions a Health Visiting Service as part of an integrated Family Health & Lifestyles Service.

**2. Please select which of the following best describes your current health visiting contract provider:**

NHS Trust.

**3. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) clinical staff in total, and on each Agenda for Change Band (if this or equivalent framework is used) [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c] were employed in your health visiting service in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months, please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

**2024/25 health visiting workforce data:**

Band 3: 0  
Band 4: 19.7  
Band 5: 11.7  
Band 6: 55.1  
Band 7: 9  
Band 8a: 1  
Bands 8b/8c: 0  
Total: 96.5

**4. How many FTE SCPHN qualified health visitors at each of the following bands: 6, 7, 8 were employed in your health visiting service in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months, please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

Coventry City Council does not hold this information. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1 (1) of the Act. To advise and assist you further please contact:

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**5. For each Band (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c) please state the percentage of health visiting service staff on: temporary (agency), temporary (employed), fixed term, permanent contacts in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months, please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

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**6. What was the total number of children under 5 years of age that your health visiting service was responsible for in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months, please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

The official Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2023 mid-year population estimates. The number of Coventry residents aged 0-4: 21,677

This is public data you can find at:

Source: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/sources/pest>

The mid 2024 estimates are due to be published in July-August – see link:

Population estimates for England and Wales: mid 2024 Official statistics announcement  
GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/population-estimates-for-england-and-wales-mid-2024>

Information provided by South Warwickshire Foundation Trust for September 2024 showed 22,142 children under the age of 5 resident in the city.

You may wish to contact them directly for any information they may hold:

<https://www.swft.nhs.uk/privacy-policy/freedom-information>

**7. What was the average caseload per SCPHN qualified FTE health visitor in your area in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months, please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

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**8. Which mandated health visiting contacts in your area are currently carried out only by qualified SCPHN health visitors? (select all that apply: antenatal, New Birth Visit, 6 week check, 1 year review and 2 year review)**

Antenatal, New Birth Visit, 6 week check.

**9. Is your health visiting service currently [in April 2025] employing any SCPHN student health visitors? Yes/No, if Yes how many? [If you do not have data for these specific months, please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

Yes - Seven.

**10. Is your health visiting service planning to employ the SCPHN student Health Visitors upon completion of their training (Yes/No) If yes, how many?**

There are currently no vacancies, however as vacancies arise they will be held for the students.

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**The aim of this FOI request is to better understand current capacity and workforce trends in school nursing services commissioned by local authorities across England.**

**Specifically, we would like to request responses/information relating to the following questions:**

**1. Do you currently commission a school nursing service?**

Yes, Coventry City Council commissions a School Nursing Service as part of an integrated Family Health & Lifestyles Service.

**2. Which of the following best describes your current school nursing contract provider: NHS Trust.**

**3. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) clinical staff were employed in your school nursing service in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

2024/25 school nursing workforce data: Total 20.3

**4. How many FTE SCPHN qualified school nurses were employed at each of the following bands (6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c) in your school nursing service in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

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**5. If your school nursing team is employed on Agenda for Change bands, please tell us how many FTE clinical staff were employed on each Band (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c) in March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

2024/25 health visiting workforce data:

Band 3: 4.7

Band 4: 2

Band 5: 3.8

Band 6: 8.8

Band 7: 1

Bands 8a/8b/8c: 0

**6. For each Band (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c) please state the percentage of school nursing staff on: temporary (agency), temporary (employed), fixed term, permanent contacts in March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

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**7. What was the total number of school-aged children that your school nursing service was responsible for in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024?**

The official Office for National Statistics (ONS) ,2023 mid year population estimates. The number of Coventry residents aged 4-16: 59,050

This is public data you can find at:

Source: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/sources/pest>

The mid 2023 population estimates are the most up to date.

The mid 2024 estimates are due to be published in July-August – see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/population-estimates-for-england-and-wales-mid-2024>

The Annual School Census data: in 2023/24 63,825 pupils or all ages at Coventry schools

This data is publicly available

Source:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/school-pupils-and-their-characteristics/2023-24>

**8. What was the average number of [primary, secondary and specialist] schools per SCPHN qualified school nurse in your area in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024?**

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**9. What was the SCPHN qualified school nurse (Band 6) FTE vacancy rate in your school nursing service in: March 2025; September 2024, March 2024? [If you do not have data for these specific months please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

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**10. Is your school nursing service currently [in April 2025] employing any SCPHN student school nurses? Yes/No, If Yes how many? [If you do not have data for these specific months please provide the most recent full workforce data that you have]**

Yes Two.

**11. Is your school nursing service planning to employ the SCPHN student School Nurses upon completion of their training Yes/No, If Yes how many?**

Yes - One.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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