

School nurses and their teams play a pivotal role in supporting the health and wellbeing of school-aged children. The leadership, specialist public health and clinical expertise school nurses is unique and crucial to delivering high quality evidence-based interventions. The breadth of support provided as part of the [Healthy Child Programme](#) is staggering and a testimony to compassion and determination of local teams working in partnership with children, families, schools, health and social care.

School nurses are often the navigator supporting children, young people and families to find their way through the myriad of health and care services – similarly school nurses frequently support partners and are advocates for children and young people’s health and wellbeing. Covid-19 amplified the necessity of the educative and ambassadorial role of school nurses. [All our Health](#) and [ELfH](#) are really useful resources which demonstrate the diverse and far reaching role of public health intervention and the impact for our children, young people and families. So please do share with your teams and partners – they can really support learning, development, role appreciation and joint working. We will be developing more resources, so please do check in regularly to discover new modules to support your learning and practice – and revalidation!

The All our health resources can also help to raise awareness of the needs of our 0-19 population. We know children were relatively invisible in wave 1, however the increased vulnerability illustrated need to restore services for children 5-19 became a priority. Public health issues have become more apparent, the All Our Health modules can provide bite-sized refreshers and updates – do take a look at all the modules including [early speech, language and communication](#), [childhood obesity](#) and [early adolescence](#)

We want to address the impact of covid-19, many of you will have seen and be using our [vulnerability framework](#) and guide to [restoring public health services](#), we will be taking further work forward to embed the framework over the next year which will support local delivery.

As we address the impact of the pandemic it is important to reflect and learn from what works, public health nurses supporting children, young people and families have shown innovation and adapted to delivering differently. We have been capturing this innovation through [case studies and practice examples](#) – these examples really show the breadth of support and leadership you all bring, so please do keep sending more!

Finally a huge thank you for the passion, determination and commitment – every day you all make a difference to the lives of children and young people.