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**Assessment of health needs; the health visiting
contribution to public health**

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Abstract

Health Visiting is targeting to health inequalities and quality of life in communities. Thus, Health Visiting profession is linked with public health and health promotion interventions in the community. Health needs assessment is a methodology that reviews population health issues in order to produce a set of recommendations for action to improve health outcomes. The methodology of health needs assessment which is described in this paper is determined as a useful tool for the everyday practice of Health Visitors. The use of structured tools is also discussed which have lead to suggestions for future research and Health Visitors' education.

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