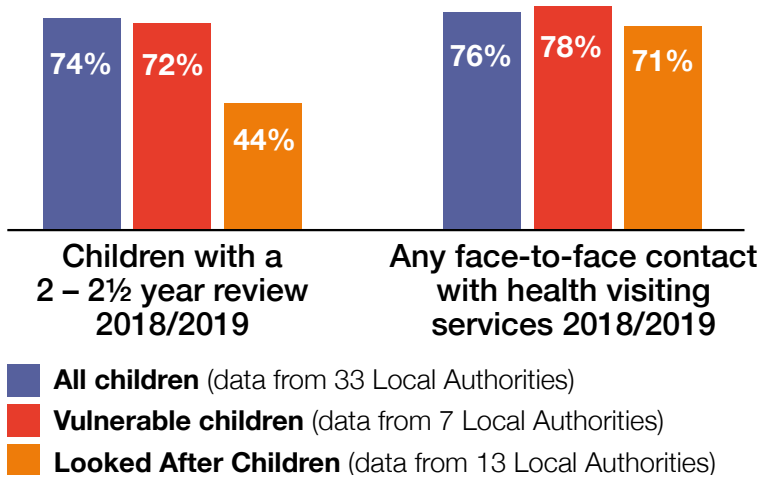


THE 2-2½ YEAR HEALTH VISITING REVIEW AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

2018 – 2019



Analyses of children who turned two in 2018/2019 using Looked After child and 'safeguarding vulnerability' codes in a small 'research-ready' subset of the Community Services Dataset 2018/2019.



Vulnerable children were **just as likely** to 'miss' a 2-2½ year review as other children.

Looked After children were **much more likely** to 'miss' their 2-2½ year review than other children but were **just as likely** to see a member of the health visiting team for any reason.

What is already known

Local Authorities do not systematically ensure their vulnerable children have a 2-2½ year review (1).

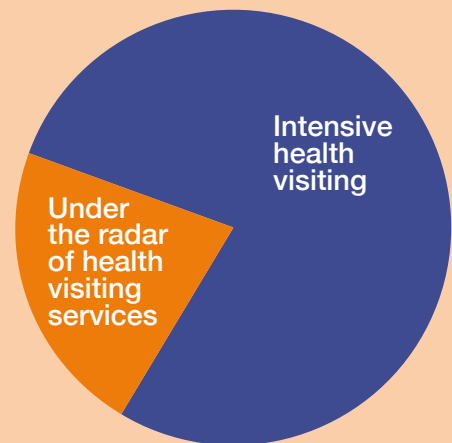
What this study adds

A sizeable minority (up to a third) of vulnerable children might not see a member of the health visiting team at all for any reason over a year.

However, the large majority of vulnerable children might be receiving intensive health visiting services, at least in some areas of England.

(1): Office of the Children's Commissioner, *Best Beginnings: A proposal for a new early years guarantee to give all children in England the best start in life* Children's Commissioner for England, Editor. 2020: London.

Vulnerable children 2018/2019



LIMITATIONS

We likely underestimated children with a 2-2½ year review but estimates of other face-to-face contacts are more robust. We only used information recorded in CSDS, which will miss many vulnerable children. We cannot confidently generalize from our small sample to all of England.

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