

# THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DATASET (CSDS) DATA COMPLETENESS

## 2018 – 2019

The example of the 2 – 2½ year health visitor review



### WHAT IS CSDS?

The CSDS captures community services activity in England including health visiting for individual children within all 151 Local Authority Areas in England (LAs).

Data in whole-country CSDS is too incomplete to use for research on the mandated health visitor reviews. A 'research-ready' subset of CSDS can be identified using thresholds for completeness and comparison with two reference data sources.

# 33

local authorities had 'research-ready' data on the 2–2½ year review

# 151

local authorities in CSDS



Children in the 33 research-ready local authorities were **similarly deprived but less ethnically diverse** than all children in England.

Public Health England (PHE) recommend Health visitors review the health and development of all pre-school children in England at five key points

28 weeks pregnancy

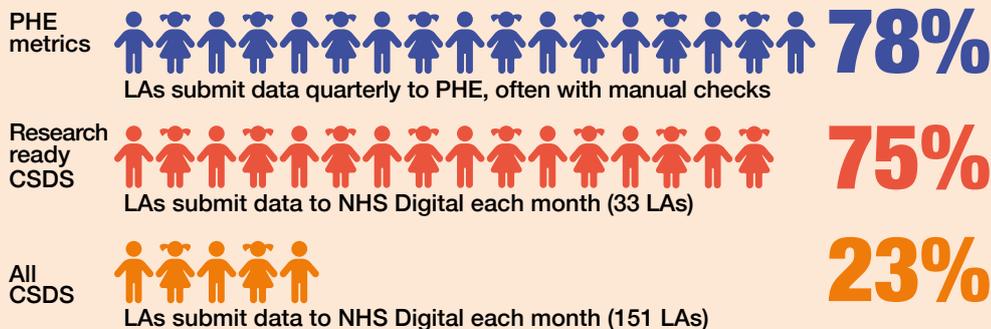
0 – 14 days

6 – 8 weeks

9 – 12 months

2 – 2½ years

### Percentage of children with a 2 – 2½ year review.



## CONCLUSIONS

**1** Researchers and analysts should adapt our approach to identify 'research-ready' subsets of CSDS for research on children's contacts with health visiting teams, and use multiple data sources.

**2** Despite limited generalisability, 'research-ready' subsets of CSDS are an important source of evidence about health visiting in England.

**3** Despite its limitations, CSDS remains a critical data source for understanding health visiting in England.

Please cite as: Caroline Fraser, Katie Harron, Jane Barlow, Samantha Bennett, Geoffrey Woods, Jenny Shand, Jenny Woodman.  
Infographic: The community services dataset (CSDS): data completeness 2018–9. The example of the 2–2½ year health visitor review.  
Full report available at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/children-policy-research/projects/how-can-we-use-community-services-dataset-csds-research-health-visiting](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/children-policy-research/projects/how-can-we-use-community-services-dataset-csds-research-health-visiting)

This study is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Policy Research Programme. The views expressed are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the NIHR or the Department of Health and Social Care.

Data Source: Community Services Dataset (CSDS), NHS Digital Copyright © 2020, Re-used with the permission of the NHS Digital. All rights reserved.

Experimental Statistics: Statistics based upon the CSDS are classified as experimental and should be used with caution. Experimental Statistics are official statistics which are published in order to involve users and stakeholders in their development and as a means to build in quality at an early stage. It is important that users understand that limitations may apply to the interpretation of this data.