

**Association of British Paediatric Nurses  
Vision for Children and Young People's Nursing**



## Acknowledgements

This document has been developed in collaboration with our members, and contains information to assist members in the development of services for children and young people across the UK.

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## The Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN's) Vision is to

- reaffirm the status of children and young people's nursing<sup>1</sup>,
- ensure that children and young people's nursing is highly regarded by the public and professional colleagues
- ensure that children and young people's nursing is central to improving child<sup>2</sup> health outcomes and experiences across the UK.

**High- Quality Care:** The ABPN advocates the need to ensure that every child in the UK receives the best possible nursing care, tailored to their unique developmental and health needs.

**Leadership:** The ABPN emphasises the importance of children and young people's nurses leading service provision and development.

**Advocacy:** The ABPN recognises the importance of advocating for child health policies that prioritise child and young people's well-being working in collaboration with colleagues across health, social care and education.

**Undergraduate Education:** The ABPN believe that field specific preparation of nurses is essential, whether that is for providing child centred care within family focused settings, supporting children and young people facing mental health challenges, managing consent, legal and ethical issues and managing the unique nature of childhood illnesses and long-term conditions.

**Professional Development:** The ABPN supports ongoing education and training to ensure children's nurses are equipped with the latest evidence-informed practices, technology, and knowledge in children's healthcare.

**Collaboration and Research:** The ABPN promotes collaborative efforts among and between health, social care and education professionals, researchers, and policy-makers to advance child and young people's nursing and improve clinical outcomes. We believe that includes research which acknowledges the child's and family's experiences of health services.

**Equity and Access:** The ABPN believe that all children, regardless of their age, background or circumstances, should have access to high-quality healthcare.

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<sup>1</sup> This term encompasses registered children's nurses, school nurses and health visitors, as well as child specific support staff

<sup>2</sup> The term child 'is used to refer to infants (neonates), children and young people up to the age of 18, or at the point at which an individual's transition to adult health services is completed