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from your editor, Aviva



The first issue of 2026 is here, the same award-winning journal you know and trust, just in a different home. Now published by CPL One, we will continue to support you with the very best content, full of invaluable insight. We want to hear from even more of you with your thoughts on the journal and how it's working for you.

It was fantastic to meet some of you in person at the Unite-CPHVA 2025 Annual Professional Conference in Bristol, last November. As well as a brilliant chance to connect, it was an information-packed event and, on [page 26](#), we bring you the highlights. It was also a time for recognising outstanding work, and on [page 32](#) and [page 36](#) you can discover who won the Unite-CPHVA Excellence awards and poster presentations. Please remember that you always have the opportunity to share your innovative practice and research for consideration here (see [page 19](#)). There's never been a better time, with 2026 marking a special anniversary for health visiting – keep an eye out for celebrations in the coming year.



Protecting children and young people is, as always, the focus, and our features delve deep into pressing matters of concern. The Big story ([page 10](#)) looks at the dangers of children being exposed to pornography online, while on [page 20](#), the cover story tackles falling rates of vaccination.

For a special perspective on helping clients with trauma, see [page 16](#).

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