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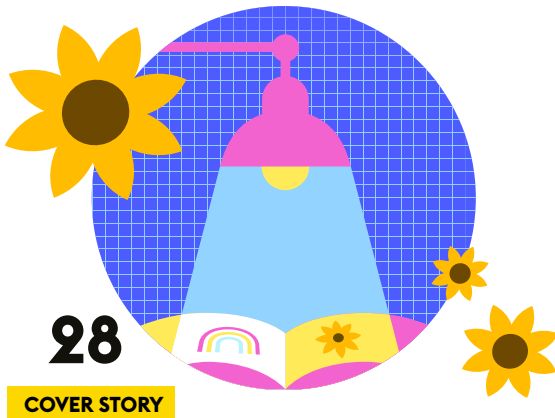
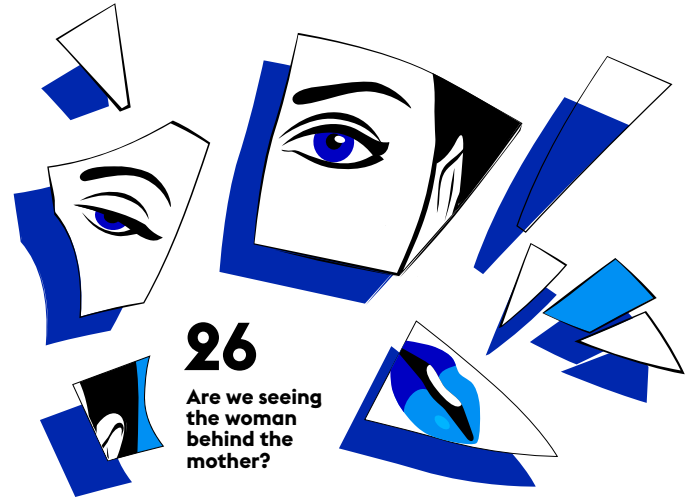
SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

The government plans to teach more children in mainstream schools, but will it help them thrive?



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WELCOME

from your editor, Aviva



Significant changes to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system are afoot. The cover story (page 28) asks if the government's reforms will ultimately help or hinder young people and their families. Two things are certain: the government's intention to legislate on these changes has now been confirmed in the King's Speech, and improvements to the SEND system are vital to help children thrive.

The early years lens is of course central to CP practice. So the Big story focus (page 12) on better integrating health and education services in order for five-year-olds to flourish, is paramount. What are the hurdles, and what does it mean in reality?

Several CPHVA members share their reflections this issue, including a long-service member. In honour of the 130th CPHVA anniversary, HV Pam Fleetwood reflects on health visiting when she first started, and on what the future may bring (page 18).

Pam mirrors the theme of this year's Unite-CPHVA Annual Professional Conference, *Celebrating 130 years of health visiting: honouring the past and shaping the future*. Booking is now open! (See page 6).

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to showcase your work at conference and to celebrate outstanding colleagues (page 34).

Looking after your own wellbeing remains essential. Page 44 features advice on helping yourself as well as young people.

Please keep sharing excellent practice and your thoughts on the journal.



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