

# Why is the role of a specialist nurse so important to children with serious lifelong illnesses?

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# Children and Young People with Serious Lifelong Illness

12 million children live in England, 28% with long term conditions = 3.36 million children

## Four categories of community care for nursing CYP

- Children with acute and short-term conditions.
- Children with long-term conditions.
- Children with disabilities and complex conditions, including those requiring continuing care and neonates.
- Children with life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses, including those requiring palliative and end-of-life care.



# Diana Nurses for sick children 18<sup>th</sup> November 1998

- ✓ specialist care and advice
- ✓ practical assistance in the home to help families cope with the demands of caring
- ✓ some equipment for the home and transport
- ✓ emotional, psychological and spiritual support

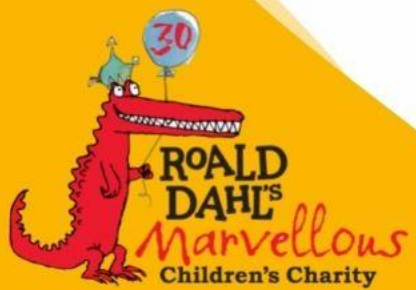
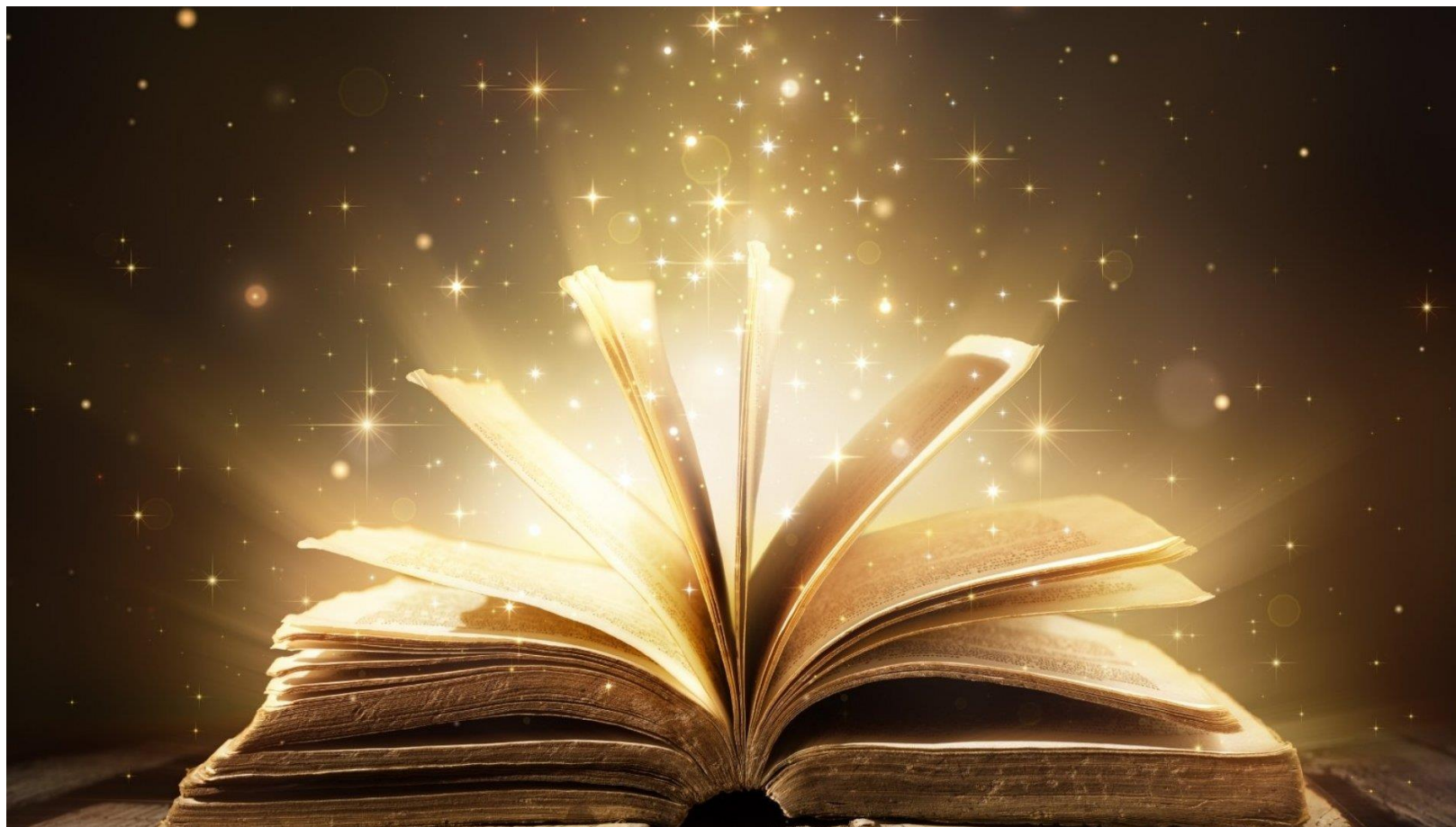


A screenshot of a BBC News website page from Wednesday, November 18, 1998. The page is titled 'Diana nurses for sick children' under the 'Health' section. The main image shows a woman (Diana) interacting with a family in a home setting. Below the image, the text reads: 'Diana was known for her charity work for children. Children with life-threatening illnesses will be able to benefit from special "Diana community nursing teams" so they can be cared for in their own homes.' A small audio player icon is visible next to the text: 'The government has announced further details of its plans for up to 10 £2m-a-year pilots for the Diana teams, set up in memory of Diana.' The page includes a navigation menu with links for 'HOME PAGE', 'SITEMAP', 'SCHEDULES', 'BBC INFORMATION', and 'BBC ENGLISH'. There are also links for 'NEWS IN VIDEO', 'NEWYDDION', 'НОВОСТИ', 'NOTICIAS', and 'اخبار'. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Page' menu with options like 'World', 'UK', 'Politics', 'Business', 'Sci/Tech', 'Health', 'Education', 'Sport', 'Entertainment', and 'Living Point'. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Page' menu with options like 'Health', 'Business', 'Politics', 'Education', 'Sport', 'Entertainment', and 'Living Point'. There is also a 'Feedback' section with links for 'On Air', 'Feedback', 'Graphics', and 'Help'.

# Specialist nursing in 2021

- Reducing patient waits
- Creating capacity with digital solutions
- Reducing ED presentations and admissions
- Preventing delayed discharges
- Supporting rehabilitation
- Reducing length of stay
- Releasing inpatient capacity





# Influences on child health

- ✓ Household income
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Stable and loving family life
- ✓ Healthy environment

Difficult mental health  
Poorer educational outcomes  
Inequality  
Vulnerability  
poverty  
Challenging family and social  
circumstances  
Complexity.



# Specialist nurses ....

- Understand patient pathways
- Have established networks and relationships
- Know their families and build trust
- Build confidence
- Are there at all life stages
- Solve problems



# Super connectors @helenbevan

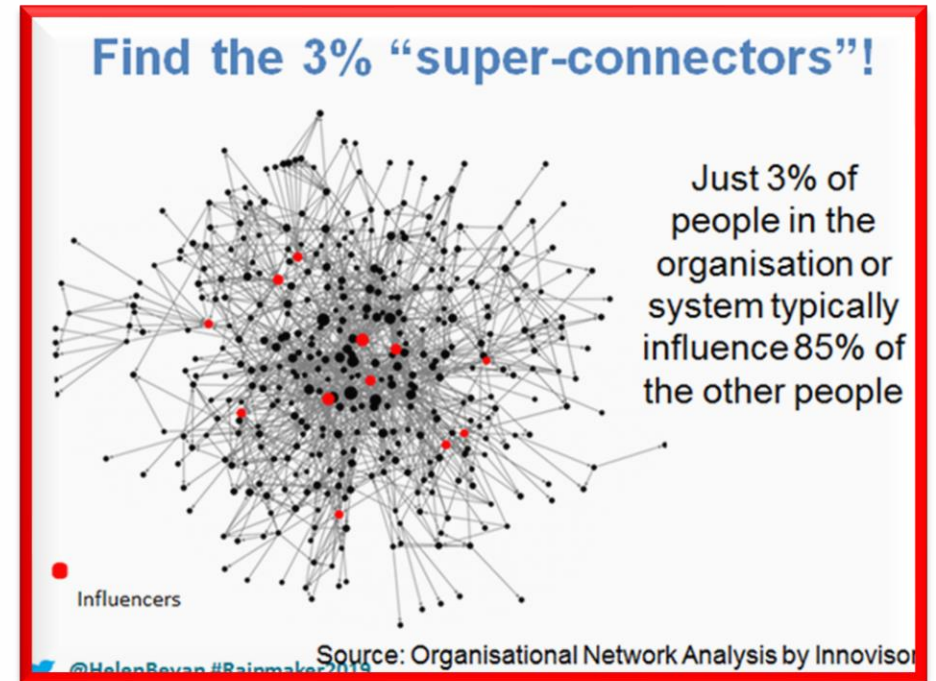
Unknown to 'formal leaders'

Go to people, with relationships and connections

Trusted at ground level

Bring people together

Work interdependently not independently





# Integration of services within health and care

“local areas designing and implementing models of care that are age appropriate, closer to home and bring together physical and mental health services. These models will support health development by providing holistic care across local authority and NHS services, including primary care, community services, speech and language therapy, school nursing, oral health, acute and specialised services”



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