# Fire station to host NHS appointments

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An on-call fire station will soon be opening its doors for NHS appointments as a new partnership kicks off.

From late November, Burwell Fire Station will be hosting child health and development reviews in partnership with the East of England Community Health and Care NHS Trust's 0-19 Healthy Child Programme Team (Health Visiting and School Nursing). Appointments will be taking place three days a week to help local families access child health and development reviews and other support closer to home. They will also be hosting antenatal appointments, enabling health visitors to meet expectant parents, introduce the service and discuss the support available to them as they prepare for parenthood and the arrival of their baby.

Colleagues from the trust will also benefit from a valuable community base, allowing them to hot-desk, complete clinical documentation and work efficiently between community visits.

Watch Commander Marcus Rawlinson from the station said: "We are delighted to be able to open our station to help the local community. Our facilities are well equipped for families to access these vital services without having to travel long distances. We're very much looking forward to the appointments starting and welcoming families to the station."

A spokesperson for the trust added: "This partnership demonstrates the benefits of collaborative working across public services, helping us to make the best use of local facilities while improving accessibility and convenience for our communities."

The crew at Burwell Fire Station is made up of on-call firefighters, who respond when they are needed to emergencies around their other commitments. When needed they will drop everything to get on a fire engine to help people in their local community. To be an on-call firefighter you need to be within five minutes of your local fire station, either while at work or at home, and have a good general level of fitness. To find out more about being an on-call firefighter, either at Burwell or other stations in the county, visit our Careers section.

