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Helen Bedford has a background as a nurse and health visitor. She has been based at UCL Institute of Child Health for over 30 years and during this time, research into the factors influencing uptake of childhood vaccination has been her primary focus. As well as conducting primary research into the determinants of vaccine uptake, Helen has written and advised on the content of papers and articles on immunisation for a wide range of publications including scientific journals, women's magazines and newspapers. She often communicates directly with the public as well as with health professionals about the benefits and risks of immunisation. She is frequently interviewed for the TV, radio and other media about issues related to immunisation and works closely with the Science Media Centre on vaccine issues.