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Health and wellbeing boards bulletin - August 2012

Welcome to the latest edition of the Health and wellbeing boards bulletin, produced by The King's Fund. This monthly bulletin brings together policy, guidance, news, opinion and events related to health and wellbeing boards. If you have any feedback or questions, please contact us on HWB@kingsfund.org.uk

Guidance, policy and research

Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs) - draft guidance consultation

This guidance outlines the statutory duties of CCGs and HWBs in relation to JSNAs and JHWSs; how these documents fit in the new health and social care system; and how they will enable improvements to the health and wellbeing outcomes of local people. Views are being sought on this guidance to ensure that it is clear and fit for purpose in supporting health and wellbeing boards in undertaking JSNAs and JWBSs from April 2013. It is also an opportunity to seek views on what further supportive materials health and wellbeing boards would find useful in undertaking JSNAs and JHWSs; which the Department of Health can work with sector-leaders to develop. The consultation closes on 28th September 2012.

- [Consultation document](#)
- [Health and wellbeing board duties and powers](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Consultation response form](#)
- [Further information and supporting documents](#)

Summary report: issues relating to local Healthwatch regulations

This report sets out the key issues that arose out of a consultation on local Healthwatch regulations and provides information on the Department of Health's approach to the drafting of the regulations.

- [Report](#)
- [Department of Health - news](#)

Health and wellbeing board briefings

These briefings aim to help both GP commissioners and local authorities understand some of the structural and cultural differences between the NHS and local government.

- [Briefing for GP commissioners](#)
- [Briefing for local councillors and officers](#)
- [NHS Confederation - news](#)

Clustering of unhealthy behaviours over time: implications for policy and practice

This report reviews the current evidence on the distribution of multiple lifestyle risks in the adult population, and how this is changing over time. It finds that the overall proportion of the English population that engages in three or four unhealthy behaviours has declined significantly, from around 33 per cent of the population in 2003, to 25 per cent in 2008, but these reductions have mainly been seen among those in higher socio-economic and educational groups. It concludes that more effective ways must be found to help people in lower socio-economic groups and those with the least education to improve their health behaviours, including a more holistic approach to policy and practice and the closer linking of behaviour change to inequalities policy.

- [Report](#)
- [Methodology and data appendices](#)
- [Blog by David Buck](#)
- [The King's Fund - publications](#)

Older people and emergency bed use: exploring variation

This report explores variation across England in emergency bed use amongst older people. Researchers looked at four groups of PCTs, including those with the highest and lowest bed use, to understand what might drive the wide variation in the use of hospital beds. The rate of emergency bed use by the over 65s among PCTs with the highest use is four times greater than PCTs with the lowest bed use. The report concludes that lower rates of emergency bed use could be achieved and highlights the role that local strategies can play in this looking across the system to align and coordinate services between primary, community and acute care.

- [Report](#)
- [Supporting appendices](#)
- [Related blog from Candace Imison](#)

- [The King's Fund - press release](#)

Joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) template and guidance for eye health and sight loss

This template has been developed to provide guidance to aid the development of JSNAs by health and wellbeing boards, specifically around the commissioning and delivery of eye care and sight loss services.

- [JSNA template](#)
- [UK Vision Strategy - commissioning resources](#)

Changes to Local Involvement Network (LiNs) annual reports 2012-13

This document outlines changes in the way that LiNs will produce their annual reports in 2012-13. LiNs will be asked to produce a report containing all the information required in the annual report for the period April to October only. Over the upcoming months, the Healthwatch team will work with partners to produce information to support LiNs and hosts to produce these reports.

- [Guidance](#)
- [Department of Health - news](#)

Delivering health improvement through the workplace: supporting local action in London

The toolkit aims to support public health practitioners and other partners focus on health and work, from employer partnerships to the voluntary sector. It signposts key reports and tools, taking into account local area needs.

- [Toolkit](#)
- [LHO - resources](#)

Making every contact count: a joint approach to preventing homelessness

This report looks at how local services and agencies can be managed in a way that prevents all households, regardless of whether they are families, couples, or single people, from reaching a crisis point where they are faced with homelessness. It calls for an improvement in health outcomes for homeless people with dual substance abuse and mental health needs and support for professionals discharging patients with knowledge of who to approach for help in meeting housing needs.

- [Report](#)
- [Department of Health - response](#)
- [Department for Communities and Local Government - publications](#)

Related resources

Local authority profiles 2012

These end of life care profiles present over fifty indicators for each local authority in England, including social care indicators. The profiles give a snapshot of each local authority's position compared to the rest of England and its strategic health authority. This is intended to assist commissioners and providers of end of life care in discussing service need. The population and deaths indicators can be used to predict need, and the place of death, cause of death, deaths in hospital, care homes and social care indicators can be used to examine current patterns of care.

- [Profiles](#)
- [National End of Life Care Intelligence Network - news](#)

Local alcohol profiles for England

These local profiles provide an area profile in relation to alcohol related health and performance indicators in England which can be sorted by local authority or PCT.

- [Profile data](#)

Healthwatch

The Healthwatch website has now been launched and includes a directory of all local involvement networks (LINKs) as well as other related documentation and resources.

- [Website](#)

Collaboration for health & wellbeing: the role of health and wellbeing boards

This presentation from Lynne Dean, Deputy Regional Director, Social Care and Local Partnerships at the Department of Health, provides an overview of the duties of health and wellbeing boards and where they fit into the health and social care landscape.

- [Presentation slides](#)

News and analysis

- [Plans for Health and Wellbeing Boards set out](#) (OnMedica, 2nd August 2012)
- [CCG plans must stay in line with LA strategy](#) (Management in Practice, 2nd August 2012)

- [Feeling the heat in the NHS](#) (Public Service, 2nd August 2012)
- [Top tips: how to unite housing and health](#) (The Guardian, 4th August 2012)
- [Pharmacy urged to engage with health and wellbeing boards](#) (Chemist and Druggist, 9th August 2012)
- [Health and wellbeing board GP says council partners must be honest](#) (GP, 13th August 2012)
- [Healthwatch: "underfunded and too weak"](#) (Social Care Worker, 19th August 2012)
- [CCGs speaking the same language as health and wellbeing boards](#) (GP Online, 22nd August 2012)
- [Poor housing undermines care reforms](#) (The Guardian, 28th August 2012)

Local resources

Joint health and wellbeing strategy consultations

Preliminary comments from the public are being invited before the priorities of the following joint health and wellbeing strategies are finalised.

- [Brent](#)
- [Bristol](#)
- [Cambridgeshire](#)
- [Cheshire East](#)
- [Devon](#)
- [Doncaster](#)
- [Hampshire](#)
- [Hartlepool](#)
- [North Yorkshire](#)
- [Peterborough](#)
- [Portsmouth](#)
- [Sheffield](#)

- [Shropshire](#)
- [Somerset](#)
- [Tameside](#)

Fingertips: health and wellbeing indicators

This resource was developed by the Eastern Public Health Observatory (ERPHO) and it is a collection of indicators across a range of health and wellbeing themes: child health; health inequalities; adult social care and substance misuse. It has been designed to support JSNA and commissioning to improve health and wellbeing, and reduce inequalities.

- [Resource](#)

A health and wellbeing board for Leicestershire

This set of slides is a presentation outlining the development of Leicestershire's health and wellbeing board.

- [Presentation slides](#)

Residents urged to share their views on HealthWatch Manchester

Manchester City Council is seeking residents' views to help shape HealthWatch Manchester. Comments are welcomed until the 24th September 2012.

- [Questionnaire](#)
- [Further information](#)

Local news

- [Health bosses publish six ways to wellbeing](#) (Dinnington Guardian, 4th August 2012)
- [Great divide over South Tyneside life expectancy](#) (Jarrow & Hebburn Gazette, 6th August 2012)
- [Council leader to head health body](#) (The Bolton News, 7th August 2012)
- [New group will let Cumbrians have their say on health issues](#) (Times & Star, 8th August 2012)
- [Healthwatch Worcestershire wants Redditch people's views](#) (Redditch Advertiser, 13th August 2012)
- [Have your say on health plans](#) (Knutsford Guardian, 21st August 2012)

- [Making life better for the people of North Yorkshire](#) (The Advertiser, 21st August 2012)
- [East Grinstead GP promises to tackle obesity and drinking in new role](#) (This is Sussex, 22nd August 2012)
- [Air views on health strategy](#) (The Star, 24th August 2012)
- [‘Age timebomb’ in the Cotswolds](#) (Cotswold Journal, 25th August 2012)

Events

Making health and wellbeing boards a success: transforming local health services

11th September 2012, The King’s Fund, London

Will health and wellbeing boards succeed in bringing together the local NHS, public health and local government in effective and dynamic partnerships that achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes for their local population? This question is at the heart of our new conference for NHS, local government and third sector professionals who are tasked with understanding the upcoming challenges and opportunities of transforming their local health service.

- [Further information and booking details](#)

Health and wellbeing board simulation event

26th & 27th September 2012, Manchester

This free team event presents an opportunity for health and wellbeing board members to explore the challenges, and understand the inherent complexities and conflicts of interest within their roles, within a developmental space.

- [Further information and booking details](#)

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