

KINGS FUND NEWSLETTER - December 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

Getting started: prospects for health and wellbeing boards

This report suggests that the new health and wellbeing boards could improve integrated care, provide a more democratic approach and help develop a shared plan for their local populations. It emphasises that building good relationships and adequate resources will be required if they are to be effective.

- [Report](#)
- [Smith Institute - news](#)

A good death: the role of the local authority in end of life care

In recent years the health sector has taken the lead role in end of life care provision and the engagement of local authorities has been more mixed. However, many local authority services, such as social care and housing, are crucial components when delivering high quality end of life care. This report looks at the role of local authorities in this agenda and how councils can develop their part in this important service provision.

- [Report](#)
- [LGIU - publications](#)

Proposed regulations for health and wellbeing boards - the government's intentions

This briefing is an initial response to the informal engagement exercise carried out this summer by the Department of Health on issues relating to the governance of health and wellbeing boards - specifically, which elements of the current legislation for section 102 committees should be disapplied, modified or retained in relation to health and wellbeing boards.

Please note: this briefing is only available to LGiU member organisations. You can check if your organisation is a member [here](#).

- [Briefing](#)

Local Healthwatch regulations: a summary report of engagement - addendum

This addendum covers issues around the local Healthwatch regulations and provides information on the department's approach to the drafting of regulations in response to the views received from the 6 week consultation.

- [Addendum](#)
- [Original report](#)
- [Department of Health - news](#)

Tough times 2012: councils' responses to a challenging financial climate

The report finds that in 2011/12, councils largely delivered their planned savings and in many cases added to reserves. However, auditors reported that signs of financial stress were visible. It outlines how cuts may affect locally provided services such as social care.

- [Report](#)
- [Audit Commission - publications](#)

Measuring well-being and sustainable development: sustainable development indicators

This report argues that the government should reconsider its proposal to drop the 'environmental equality' sustainable development indicator (SDI) and review each of the other proposed SDIs to see how they might capture the range of values for how they affect people's lives, not just the average.

- [Report](#)
- [House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee - news](#)

The social value guide

This guide is designed to help with embedding social value in commissioning and procurement practices. It aims to help those in local government or public bodies who are affected by the Social Value Act prepare for its implementation in January 2013.

- [Guide](#)
- [Social Enterprise UK - publications](#)

Related resources

- [Listen back to latest webinars for health and wellbeing boards](#) (Department of Health, 27th November 2012)
- [Healthwatch England webcast of first committee meeting](#) (Healthwatch England, 3rd November 2012)
- [Updates on Public Health England centres and regions](#) (Department of Health, 7th December 2012)

News and analysis

- [Ditch the car to walk or cycle short journeys 'for healthier Britain'](#) (The Guardian, 28th November 2012)
- [Healthwatch England aims to ensure the voices of service users are heard](#) (The Guardian, 5th December 2012)
- [Healthwatch England names Katherine Rake as director](#) (PMLive, 6th December 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.

- [Bradford and Airedale](#)
- [Ealing](#)
- [Hillingdon](#)
- [The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead](#)
- [Stockport](#)

Events

Improving health outcomes: why clusters of lifestyle behaviours matter

The King's Fund's recent publication, [Clustering of unhealthy behaviours over time: implications for policy and practice](#), has shown a clear link between the health inequalities in socio-economic and educational groups and the uptake of multiple unhealthy behaviours. This conference will explore how we can use this knowledge to improve the health outcomes for our local populations and, in particular, how we can ensure that the health outcomes for the poorest section of the population can be improved.