



Health and Wellbeing Boards bulletin

Welcome to the latest edition of the Health and Wellbeing Boards bulletin, produced by The King's Fund Information and Knowledge Services. This fortnightly 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

Towards a healthy democracy: an NLGN essay collection

This collection of essays from politicians around England reflects on how they plan to approach their new duties as responsibility for public health has been transferred back to local government. It offers a variety of perspectives on approaches to public health from the establishment of health and wellbeing partnerships to the encouragement of consumption of nutritious, locally-grown food.

- [Essays](#)
- [NLGN - publications](#)

Paying for social care: beyond Dilnot

This report argues that the government reforms alone will not solve the challenge of funding adult social care. It states that health and wellbeing boards also have a crucial leadership role to play in ensuring care reform is part of a wider transformation of local health and care services.

- [Report](#)
- [History of social care timeline](#)
- [Related blog from Richard Humphries](#)
- [The King's Fund - press release](#)

Transforming care: a national response to Winterbourne View hospital

This final report into the events at Winterbourne View hospital sets out a programme of action to transform services so that vulnerable people no longer live inappropriately in hospitals and are cared for in line with best practice. The actions highlighted include: strengthening accountability of boards of directors and senior managers for safety and quality of care; transferring patients to community-based support where appropriate; and the establishment of a new NHS and local government-led joint improvement team.

- [Report](#)
- [Concordat](#)
- [Good practice examples](#)
- [Summary of responses](#)
- [Summary of government response](#)
- [Impact assessment](#)
- [Department of Health - news](#)

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGB&T) public health outcomes framework companion document

This document aims to be a resource for all those commissioning and delivering healthcare services in order to support the delivery of an equitable public health system. It has been developed by a group of volunteer experts from across the LGB&T community working with the Department of Health, to increase understanding of LGB&T health and make sure that the public health system tackles inequality related to sexual orientation and gender identity and promotes equality for everybody.

- [Guidance](#)
- [Case studies](#)
- [Resource directory](#)
- [Evidence base](#)
- [The Lesbian & Gay Foundation - publications](#)

Health protection in local government

This guidance has been updated as the previous version was provisional guidance under review in light of public health regulations made under the 2006 act as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. This document explains the new health protection duty of local authorities in line with the final 6C Regulations, which came into force on 1st April 2013.

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

Public Health England (PHE) equality analysis

This analysis looks at how equalities considerations have informed the design and transition of PHE and how equalities work can be embedded into the future work of PHE.

- [Equality analysis](#)
- [Department of Health - news](#)

Independence of local Healthwatch

This guidance was jointly produced by Compact Voice and Healthwatch England to outline ways in which local Healthwatch can maintain their independence. It stresses the importance of independence and local Healthwatch maintaining a 'critical friend' approach with funders, and provides an overview of the tools available to ensure independence is upheld.

- [Guidance](#)
- [Compact Voice - news](#)

Are health and wellbeing boards taking account of diabetes? A review of JSNAs and health and wellbeing strategies

This report argues that health and wellbeing boards risk overlooking the need to improve diabetes care in their local area. The study reviewed 50 health and wellbeing boards and found that too many of them did not recognise the priority and impact of diabetes in their JSNAs and health and wellbeing strategies.

- [Report](#)
- [Diabetes UK - news](#)

News and analysis

- [Norman Lamb highlights role of health and wellbeing boards in reforming care following Winterbourne View](#) (Department of Health, 22nd May 2013)
- [Health and wellbeing boards lack focus on diabetes care](#) (OnMedica, 28th May 2013)
- [UK failing to act on diabetes timebomb](#) (Daily Express, 28th May 2013)
- [Diabetics 'at risk' because condition is being 'ignored' in new Tory-led NHS reforms](#) (The

Mirror, 28th May 2013)

- [Will Healthwatch give patients a better deal?](#) (The Guardian, 29th May 2013)
- [Diabetes 'overlooked' by new NHS organisations](#) (Nursing in Practice, 31st May 2013)
- [Public health role to test councils](#) (The Guardian, 5th June 2013)
- [A linchpin for local scrutiny of the NHS](#) (Local Government Chronicle, 6th June 2013)

Local resources

Joint health and wellbeing strategies and joint strategic needs assessments

The following local authorities have published their strategies and JSNAs:

- [Bexley](#)
- [Leeds](#)
- [Sheffield - second consultation](#)
- [Wirral](#)

Local news

- [Watchdog to keep a close eye on health services in Norfolk](#) (EDP24, 20th May 2013)
- [Standing up for Health and social care service users in Newcastle](#) (Sky Tyne and Wear, 21st May 2013)
- [Healthwatch Barnet launched to give patients a voice](#) (This Is Local London, 22nd May 2013)
- [Health and Wellbeing Strategy to reward smokers in Enfield and Haringey if they commit to quitting](#) (This Is Local London, 22nd May 2013)
- [Find out about Redditch health services at town hall meeting](#) (Redditch & Alcester Advertiser, 24th May 2013)
- [Bradford district's healthcare consumer champion scheme launched](#) (Ilkley Gazette, 24th May 2013)
- [Long wait to set up new NHS watchdog](#) (Oxford Mail, 24th May 2013)
- [Strategy to help shape health and wellbeing in Leeds](#) (Yorkshire Evening Post, 24th May 2013)
- [Health and Well-Being Board members welcome 'challenging' questions from Protect Our NHS on HealthWatch and Harmoni](#) (Save Our NHS blog, 24th May 2013)
- [Conservatives call for action over GP numbers](#) (Your Thurrock, 24th May 2013)
- [New health watchdog for Havering is in search of volunteers](#) (Romford Recorder, 26th May 2013)
- [Blackburn students study perceptions of the NHS](#) (Blackburn Citizen, 27th May 2013)
- [Southampton among the worst for hospitalised drunken teenagers](#) (Southern Daily Echo, 27th May 2013)
- [Health bosses' aim to make fledgling Staffordshire watchdog 'a Rolls Royce' service](#) (Staffordshire News, 28th May 2013)
- [New Bradford and District Healthwatch service is launched](#) (Bradford Telegraph & Argus, 28th May 2013)
- [Health watchdog urged to keep things simple for patients](#) (Oxford Mail, 29th May 2013)
- [Former Blackburn with Darwen council leader Sir Bill Taylor appointed health watchdog chairman](#) (Lancashire Telegraph, 30th May 2013)
- [Healthwatch Report Says Winter Travel Was 'Very Concerning'](#) (Scilly Today, 30th May 2013)
- [Health and Wellbeing Board priorities on agenda in Crawley](#) (West Sussex County Council, 30th May 2013)

- [Staffordshire residents urged: support Healthwatch Staffordshire to improve health services](#) (Tamworth Herald, 31st May 2013)
- [People needed to help look after Atherton, Leigh, Tyldesley, Astley and Wigan health and social care](#) (The Bolton News, 2nd June 2013)
- [West Sussex Health and Wellbeing board bosses hold meeting](#) (The Argus, 3rd June 2013)
- [First meeting for Health and Wellbeing Board](#) (Healthwatch Tyneside, 3rd June 2013)
- [Healthwatch Barnet will build on legacy of Barnet LINK](#) (This Is Local London, 5th June 2013)
- [Scilly's Healthwatch to hold first AGM this evening](#) (Scilly Today, 6th June 2013)
- [Enter and view volunteers wanted for Healthwatch Barnet](#) (This is Local London, 6th June 2013)
- [Consumer body for health and social care issues launches for Waltham Forest residents](#) (East London and West Essex Guardian, 8th June 2013)
- [Strategy to combat alcohol misuse across the county](#) (Bury Free Press, 10th June 2013)



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