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[Public Health Toolkit to Boost Local Business Engagement](#)

A new toolkit is launched today to support local authorities to get greater buy in from local businesses to the public health agenda. It contains simple actions which businesses could take to improve staff and customer health and well-being, such as employers encouraging active travel among their staff, promoting smoking cessation or catering outlets reducing salt in their foods. The toolkit has been developed by the Department of Health, working with local authorities, the Local Government Association, Public Health England, and local businesses. The toolkit takes the work that has been done at a national level through the Public Health Responsibility Deal and makes this relevant for local authorities and local businesses. Engagement with small businesses on public health is best led locally - using the knowledge, contacts and expertise that local authorities have.

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[Sexual health guidance for local authorities](#)

From 1 April 2013, local authorities will be responsible for commissioning most sexual health interventions and services as part of their wider public health responsibilities, with costs met from their allocated public health grant.

The Department of Health has published sexual health guidance for local authority public health teams. Commissioning Sexual Health Services and Interventions: Best Practice Guidance for Local Authorities is designed to help local authorities to commission high quality sexual health services for their local area. [Click here to access this guidance.](#)

[Public Health England \(PHE\) Bulletin](#)

PHE Bulletin provides public health news and information to local authorities, public health professionals and anyone interested in the work of Public Health England. Highlights of the first issue include Public Health England's marketing plans, public health responsibilities in the NHS Constitution, PHE's annual conference and the new service level agreement between PHE and the Care Quality Commission, plus PHE's organisational structure, centres and regions.

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[Diet and nutrition survey of infants and young children, 2011](#)

The diet and nutrition survey of infants and young children 2011 is a one-off survey providing the only source of detailed information on the food consumption, nutrient intakes and nutritional status of infants and young children in the general UK population aged 4 to 18 months. The survey was conducted between January and August 2011; it complements the National Diet and Nutrition Survey rolling programme, which covers children and adults aged from 18 months upwards. The report, an executive summary and data tables can be downloaded from the website.

[Click here to access this survey.](#)

[Effect of Health and Social Care Act on local authorities](#)

This document is a summary of changes to secondary legislation as a consequence of the Health and Social Care Act 2013.

These are high level summaries that are intended to highlight the relevant provisions. They are not intended to be a substitute for the amended legislation. These are summaries that highlight the changes to public health functions affecting local authorities as a result of the Health and Social Care Act which come into force on 1 April 2013. They are not intended to be a substitute for the amended legislation itself.

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[Parenting support for families with young children – a public health, user-focused study undertaken in a semi-rural area of Scotland](#)

In the UK, only vulnerable families are now eligible for pro-active health visiting interventions on an individual family basis beyond the early days. Public health approaches are recommended for the majority of families who are not eligible for one-to-one professional support. The aim of this study was to work with parents and public health nurses (health visitors), to identify and design a range of public health interventions to provide support to parents of young children. [Click here to access this study.](#)

[NICE guideline ‘a trigger’ for increase in organ donations](#)

The number of people donating organs after death has risen by 50 per cent in the last five years, latest figures suggest.

More than 1,200 people in the UK donated their organs in the last year, leading to about 3,100 transplants, according to NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) who compiled the figures. The improvements are, in part, the result of guidance from NICE which has helped to identify a greater number of patients who may become suitable donors. [Click here to access this article.](#)

[Trajectories of socioeconomic inequalities in health, behaviours and academic achievement across childhood and adolescence](#)

The authors claim that socioeconomic inequalities are a key policy challenge and that studies to date have not taken a unified approach to assess how socioeconomic inequalities in health, behaviour and educational attainment change as children age. In this study, they examined maternal education inequalities in multiple offspring health, behavioural and educational outcomes and how these changed across childhood and adolescence in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children, a cohort born in 1991/92 in South West England. [Click here to access this study.](#)

[Dementia 2013: the hidden voice of loneliness](#)

This second annual report on how well people with dementia are living found that over half of the general public believe that people with dementia have a bad quality of life. This was echoed in the feedback from people with dementia with 70% saying they had stopped doing things they used to do because of lack of confidence. The majority of people with dementia also felt anxious or depressed, and a third of people said they'd lost friends after a diagnosis. It calls on commissioners to ensure appropriate support services are available, and urges people and organisations to play their part in helping ensure their communities are dementia friendly. [click here to access the report](#)

[Measuring national well-being - children's well-being, 2013](#)

This documents reports children's views on some aspects of their lives. This was based on data from the 2009–10 Understanding society, the UK Household Longitudinal Study (UKHLS). This summary further explores children's reports of their wellbeing based on the 2010–11 study. [Click here to access this document.](#)

[Guidance on commissioning weight management services](#)

This document provides best practice guidance to help improve the commissioning of weight management services in local areas. It is aimed at local authorities, in particular directors of public health and commissioners of weight management services. [Click here to access this document.](#)

[Kings Fund's 10 priorities for commissioners](#)

The King's Fund has revised its paper setting out 10 priorities for commissioners in the new NHS. The update reflects changes in the healthcare system since 1 April. [Click here to access the report](#)

[Quality standard for the health and wellbeing of looked-after children and young people](#)

This quality standard covers the health and wellbeing of looked-after children and young people from birth to 18 years and care leavers (including young people planning to leave care or under leaving care provisions). It applies to all settings and services working with and caring for looked-after children and young people, and care leavers, including where they live.

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[New knowledge hub - substance mis-use amongst young people](#)

A number of young people may experiment with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs at some point during their adolescence. A significant proportion may become regular users and, for some, this will create problems. This new knowledge hub brings together key reports and policies, latest research, guidance, events and news about this issue. [Click here to access this resource.](#)

[National Child Measurement Programme: Briefing for elected members](#)

These frequently asked questions for elected members have been jointly produced by the Local Government Association and Public Health England. They address a number of transitional issues relating to the transfer of responsibility for delivering the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), which moved from PCTs to local government in April 2013.

The briefing:

- explains what the NCMP is and what delivery involves
- the relationship with schools
- who will be responsible for feeding back results to parents
- the role of elected members
- why delivering the NCMP is important to this age group and key questions to ask

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[Local HealthWatch Regulations Explained](#)

The Local Government Association and the Department of Health have jointly published a document to help local HealthWatch audiences understand the legal requirements that have been set out in regulations. DH and LGA appreciate the advice and support provided by HealthWatch England and NAVCA in the development of this publication.

[Visit the LGA's website to read Local HealthWatch Regulations Explained or Visit HealthWatch England's website to view the document.](#)

[The impoverishment of the UK](#)

This report suggests that over 30 million people (almost half the population) are suffering some degree of financial insecurity. The research finds that for a significant proportion of the population living standards have fallen below minimum levels and for some, living conditions and opportunities have been going backwards. It claims that around 4 million children and adults are not properly fed by today's standards, around 2.5 million children live in homes that are damp, and around 1.5 million children live in households that cannot afford to heat their home. [Click here to access this report.](#)

[Sexually transmitted infections in primary care – updated guidance for 2013](#)

With growing numbers of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV, being diagnosed in general practice in the UK, the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) have updated their popular UK national guidelines on the management of STIs and related conditions in general practice.

[Click here to access this guidance.](#)

[Family income and child health in the UK](#)

This article examines the relationship between family income and child health, using a very large sample of children. There was no correlation between income and child general health at ages 0–1, but the gradient emerged around age 2 and was constant from age 2 to age 17. The gradient in general health reflected a greater prevalence of chronic conditions among low-income children and a greater severity of these conditions. Taken together, the findings suggested that income did matter for child health, and might play a role in the intergenerational transmission of socioeconomic status.

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[School health service: briefing for local council members](#)

The Local Government Association and the Department of Health have produced a briefing for lead members for children's services on the school health service. This briefing provides advice and links to further resources. >From April 2013, local authorities are responsible for delivering and commissioning public health services for 5 to 19 year olds. This includes providing prevention and early intervention services, addressing key public health issues and delivering the "healthy child programme". School nurses are skilled in delivering these services and can work with local authorities to deliver effective public health programmes. [Click here to access this briefing.](#)

[Role of adult social care services for vulnerable offenders](#)

This joint briefing paper from the Revolving Doors Agency, the Prison Reform Trust, the Centre for Mental Health and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) outlines how directors of adult social services and lead members can develop co-ordinated, effective support for people with multiple needs in, or on the edge of, the criminal justice system.

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[Public health commissioning in the NHS](#)

The agreement sets out how NHS England is accountable for the delivery of certain public health services and gives details of arrangements for expert support from Public Health England. The service specifications provide details of the public health evidence and advice needed to support effective commissioning [Click here to access this information.](#)

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