

## **Buckinghamshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board: Update**

### **Public Health Human Resources (HR) Concordat**

Subject to the passage in Parliament, the Health and Social Care Bill 2011 will provide the statutory basis for local authorities to assume their new public health responsibilities in April 2013, following the abolition of primary care trusts (PCTs).

The Concordat is aimed specifically at staff and employers in PCTs commissioning public health functions and local authorities who will be affected by the transfer of PCT public health functions and responsibilities in 2013.

The following is an indicative timeline for the transition of PCT public health commissioning activity and functions to local authorities.

#### **By end of December 2011**

Autumn 2011 policy documents published covering:

- public health outcomes framework;
- the Public Health England operating model;
- the public health role in local government and the Director of Public Health;
- public health funding;
- public health workforce strategy consultation.

#### **By end of January 2012**

PCT clusters are expected to produce first drafts of transition plans covering all transition issues in 2012/13 including transition plans for public health developed with local government.

#### **From January 2012 onwards**

Development of vision and strategy for new local public health system (linked to Health and Wellbeing Boards) system preparation including:

- new public health commissioning and contracting development
- clinical and corporate governance
- communications with stakeholders

#### **By end of March 2012**

As part of their overall plans for the transition year, PCT clusters will have completed their local public health transition plan covering delivery and transition activity and governance for 2012/13, agreed with local authorities.

To access the full report, please follow the link below:

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod\\_consum\\_dh/groups/dh\\_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh\\_131186.pdf](http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_131186.pdf)

### **Making it happen: wellbeing and the role of local government**

A series of conversations carried out on behalf of the Healthy Communities Programme explored what 'wellbeing' means to the work of councils. They showed that wellbeing is a concept with the power to fundamentally re-define the role of local councils.

Senior local government and NHS officers and elected members were invited to give their views in guided conversation workshop sessions and one-to-one conversations.

The report presents findings about:

- Understandings of wellbeing within councils
- How the changing policy landscape is affecting the wellbeing agenda
- The support that councils need to take the agenda forward.

The report outlines five key 'making it happen' areas within which local government need to take action to embed a wellbeing approach. These are:

1. Strategic leadership.
2. Services and commissioning.
3. Strengthening communities.
4. Using organisational levers (primarily)
5. Measuring outcomes.

To access the full report please follow the link below:

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/aio/31932813>

### **Voices on well-being: a report of research with older people**

The numbers and proportion of older and very old people will continue to grow significantly. The debate surrounding this tends to frame older people as a problem especially at a time when cuts in public spending are imposing financial constraints on systems of care and adding to the 'cost burden' on a decreasing proportion of taxpayers. *Shaping our Age* challenges these negative perspectives and highlights the opportunity for older people to be supported and enabled to be active contributors to society and to challenge notions of dependency.

The report presents a summary of the key findings from Phase One of the project, in which a diverse range of older people define their well-being, the factors that shape it, the barriers to well-being, the impact of services on well-being and suggested improvements. Participants shared their views and concerns with us in focus groups and qualitative research interviews.

The key sections of the report are listed below:

- Definitions of wellbeing
- Causes of wellbeing
- The impact of service on wellbeing
- Barriers to wellbeing
- Suggestions for improving wellbeing

To access the full document, please follow the link below:

<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/news/voices-on-well-being-a-report-of-research-with-older-people>

### **Social Determinants of Health- What Doctors Can Do**

This paper will set out some of the evidence and examples of actions that doctors can take to affect the social determinants of health and reduce the social gradient. The report recognises that not every doctor has the opportunity to change the social determinants of health throughout the life course of individual patients and the report therefore includes other ways in which they can make a difference, as doctors working as community leaders.

To access the full document, please follow the link below:

[www.bma.org.uk/images/socialdeterminantshealth\\_tcm41-209805.pdf](http://www.bma.org.uk/images/socialdeterminantshealth_tcm41-209805.pdf)

### **New institute to help narrow the health gap**

A new University College London (UCL) Institute that aims to reduce health inequalities through action on social determinants has been launched.

The UCL Institute of Health Equity, which will be led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, will receive £1 million funding from the Department of Health over the next three years to take forward action that will reduce health inequalities in England.

To access more information on this topic please access the information below:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2011/11/ucl-institute-health-equity/>