



Tower Hamlets

Healthy Lives, Healthy People

What are the key issues?

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Healthy Lives, Healthy People:

- Our strategy for public health in England (30 November 2010)
- Transparency in Outcomes: Proposals for a Public Health Outcomes Framework (20 December 2010)
- Consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health (21 December 2010)

The White Paper sets out to:

- Assess current public health challenges
- Critique the current approach to improving population health
- Set out principles and values underpinning a new approach
- Identify priorities for intervention
- Outline a new structure for public health delivery
- Set out a timeline for transition to the new structure

“Radical new approach”

- Responsive
 - Owned by communities and shaped by their needs
 - Decreased top down control from Whitehall, increased responsibilities to local authorities
- Resourced
 - Ring-fenced funding with incentives to improve
 - But will face same running cost reductions and efficiency gains as rest of NHS
- Rigorous
 - Professionally-led and focused on evidence
 - Led by Public Health England
- Resilient
 - Strengthening protection against current and future threats to health
 - Led by Public Health England

Key proposed changes*

- Establishment of Public Health England (PHE) with national responsibility for health protection, research and evidence and commissioning
- Transfer of health improvement and other public health responsibilities to local authorities with a new statutory duty to improve the health of their population
- DsPH to be employed by LAs and lead at a local level but will be jointly appointed by PHE
- Establishment of statutory Health & Wellbeing Boards

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Public health outcomes framework

- Domain 1** **Health protection and resilience**
protecting people from major health emergencies and serious harm to health
- Domain 2** **Tackling the wider determinant of ill health**
addressing factors that affect health and wellbeing
- Domain 3** **Health improvement**
positively promoting the adoption of ‘healthy lifestyles’
- Domain 4** **Prevention of ill health**
reducing the number of people living with preventable ill health
- Domain 5** **Healthy life expectancy and preventable mortality**
preventing people from dying prematurely

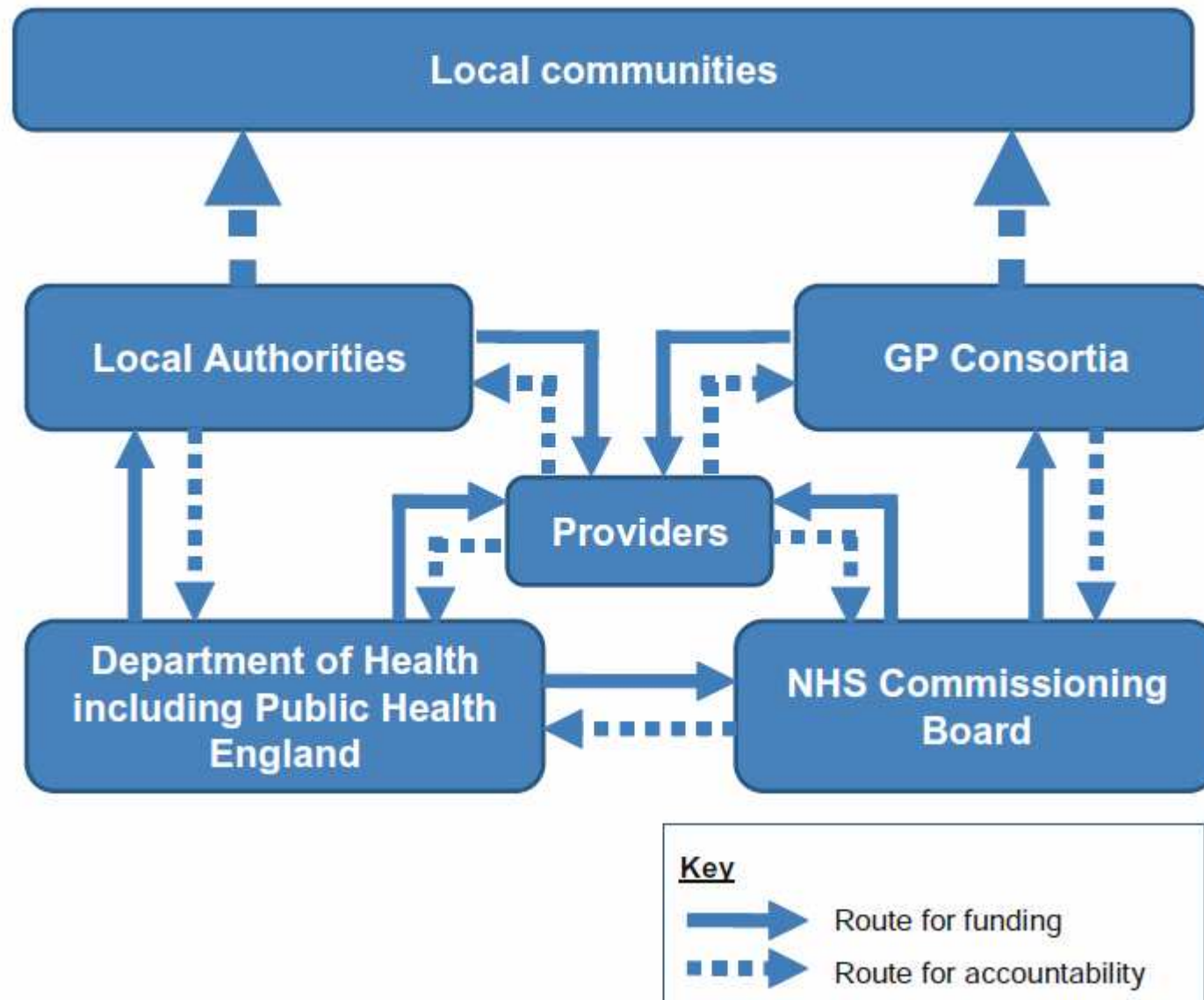
- Focus on addressing health inequalities across the domains, with ‘health premium to incentivise improvement
- Important overlaps with NHS and Adult Social Care outcomes framework

Public health funding

Public Health England will fund public health activity through three principle routes:

1. Allocating funding to LAs
2. Commissioning services via the NHS
Commissioning Board
3. Commissioning or providing services itself

Figure 4.1: Funding and accountability through the public health system



Health and Wellbeing Boards

- Bring together local elected representatives and commissioners (GP consortia, DsPH, adult social care and children's services)
- Share local views about community needs (including 'HealthWatch')
- Support joint commissioning of NHS, social care and public health services
- LAs and GP consortia will prepare the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, led by DPH

Summary timetable*

Consultation	Dec 2010-March 2011
Set up shadow Public Health England Start to set up working arrangements with local authorities	During 2011
Develop public health workforce strategy	Autumn 2011
Public Health England will take on full responsibilities Publish shadow public health ring-fenced allocation to LAs	April 2012
Grant ring-fenced allocations to LAs	April 2013

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Local Plans

- Co-Directors of Public Health are working with the Director of Adult Health and Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets Council on developing a local transition plan
- At sector level, the Directors of Adult Social Services in the City and Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham are in discussion with locality Directors of Public Health and the Sector Director of Public Health to align approaches to transition
- A sector stakeholder workshop is planned for 9th March to introduce key partners, including Councillors, GP representatives and others, to the White Paper and to explore its implications locally