Support and resources for health and wellbeing boards

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Within the past 18 months, a number of organisations have started to provide support and resources to enable health and wellbeing boards develop and operate effectively. The National Learning Network for health and wellbeing boards, supported by the Department of Health, NHS Confederation, Local Government Association and NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement, has compiled this summary of the support available to spread networking and learning opportunities.

All the information can be found on the Knowledge Hub – an online community and resource: https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk
Department of Health

The Department of Health has worked with partners to develop the National Learning Network for health and wellbeing boards. This programme supports boards across the country to share their learning about how they can be most effective – rather than issuing central guidance. Through action learning sets, a leadership development offer and learning events, the Department aims to support collaborative leadership and relationships that will be crucial to the boards’ success in providing the best possible services for local people and making real changes to their lives.

For more information, see [http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/category/public-health/hwb](http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/category/public-health/hwb)

Local Government Association (LGA)

The LGA support comprises of the Knowledge Hub, a comprehensive health and wellbeing board leadership development offer, and support to local Healthwatch. The leadership offer includes: regional simulation events, providing a safe space for boards to work together on realistic and challenging scenarios; regional chairs’ networks; a health and wellbeing board development tool, so that boards can self-assess their effectiveness; and bespoke support for individual boards. A number of councils have also chosen to use their free corporate peer challenge offer to focus on health issues.

For more information, see [http://bit.ly/JwmMVy](http://bit.ly/JwmMVy) or contact lorna.shaw@local.gov.uk

The NHS Confederation

The NHS Confederation has been working with health and wellbeing board learning sets to produce publications to share learning and good practice. As the membership body for all organisations that commission and provide NHS services, the NHS Confederation provides resources and support to health and wellbeing boards and their partners to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

For more information and to access the health and wellbeing board publications, see [www.nhsconfed.org/hwb](http://www.nhsconfed.org/hwb) or contact nicola.rosenberg@nhsconfed.org

The NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement

The NHS Institute has worked with health and wellbeing board learning sets to facilitate shared learning and good practice. This has involved 11 sets and four national events, based around key themes which present particular challenges. Each learning set has developed ‘products’ which capture the learning around each set’s theme. These publications will support the establishment of health and wellbeing boards nationally.

For more information, see [www.institute.nhs.uk](http://www.institute.nhs.uk) and to access the publications, see [https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk](https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk)
Local Healthwatch – Local Government Association (LGA)
Local Healthwatch organisations – the new consumer champions for health and social care – are currently being commissioned by local authorities. They will have a statutory member on every health and wellbeing board. The LGA Healthwatch Implementation Team supports the commissioning of local Healthwatch organisations by running regional master classes, publishing factsheets and practice guides and delivering tailored support to individual councils.

For more information, see www.local.gov.uk or contact
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Healthwatch England
Healthwatch England is the new consumer champion for health and care in England. It is a national body that has full independence to report on the issues and trends it believes are relevant and important. It will develop a view of the issues at a national level based on evidence views and experiences from people who use services, at a local level via local Healthwatch organisations and charities and those who support vulnerable people.

For more information, see www.healthwatch.co.uk or contact
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Regional Voices
Regional Voices supports the voluntary and community sector to engage with health and wellbeing boards, developing resources to support the sector to influence strategic decision making effectively.

For more information, see www.regionalvoices.net or contact
jo.whaley@regionalvoices.org

The NHS Leadership Academy
The NHS Leadership Academy provides a bespoke approach to senior leadership development for a number of health and wellbeing boards. The leadership offer includes expert support, coaching and flexible leadership development to enable board members to achieve maximum effectiveness, as speedily as possible, when working together.

For more information, see www.leadershipacademy.nhs.uk or contact
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The King’s Fund
The King’s Fund carried out research about health and wellbeing boards and have provided development support and facilitation to several shadow boards. They have a directory with details of health and wellbeing boards across the country and a monthly email bulletin providing information and links to national and local developments.

For more information, see www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/health-and-wellbeing-boards

Social enterprise UK
Social enterprise UK provides practical tools and guidance to improve partnership working between health and wellbeing boards, clinical commissioning groups and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. More effective partnerships lead to integrated working and improved health outcomes, for lower financial costs but greater social value.

For more information, see www.socialenterprise.org.uk or contact
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Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS)

ADASS represents all the directors of adult social services in England. Members sit on health and wellbeing boards and are responsible for providing or commissioning through the activities of their departments. ADASS maintains close formal and informal links with partners across health and local authorities.

For more information, see www.adass.org.uk

The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH)

ADPH is the representative body for Directors of Public Health (DspH) in the UK with the aim of maximising the effectiveness and impact of DspH as public health leaders. ADPH seeks to improve and protect the health of the population through collating and presenting the views of DspH, influencing legislation and policy; facilitating a support network for DspH; identifying their development needs; and supporting the development of comprehensive, equitable public health policies.

For more information, see www.adph.org.uk

Faculty of Public Health

The Faculty of Public Health is the standard setting body for public health specialists in the UK. It is lobbying strongly, nationally and locally, to ensure health and wellbeing boards deliver strong, credible leadership, fostering integration as well as challenging and holding to account local service providers, in order to maximise the health gains for their local communities.

For more information, see www.fph.org.uk or contact lindseystewart@fph.org.uk

The Association of Directors of Children’s Services Ltd (ADCS)

ADCS is the national leadership organisation in England for directors of children’s services (DCS) appointed under the provisions of the Children Act 2004 and for other children’s services professionals in leadership roles in local authorities. Working with a range of partners, ADCS seeks to provide forums for its members to share their experiences of the opportunities and the challenges associated with the implementation of establishing effective, outcomes-focused health and wellbeing boards.

For more information, see www.adcs.org.uk

Public Health Transition Team – Department of Health

From April 2013, Public Health England will provide strategic leadership and vision for the protection and improvement of the nation’s health. It will carry out these duties in partnership with the wider health, care and public health system and with key delivery partners, including local government and the NHS through health and wellbeing boards. The transition team works with partners and provides updates on the transition and Public Health England.

For more information, see www.dh.gov.uk or contact daniel.berry@dh.gsi.gov.uk or susan.king@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Transition Alliance – North West
The Transition Alliance works to secure alignment across the NHS, public health and social care. The Alliance focuses on the implementation and development of health and wellbeing boards and local Healthwatch organisations; the transition of public health responsibilities to local authorities; and the new NHS provider arrangements for health and wellbeing services.
For more information, see www.transitionalliance.co.uk or contact bernadette.hurst@transitionalliancenw.nhs.uk

The London Health and Wellbeing Board Partnership Support Programme
The London Health and Wellbeing Board Partnership Support Programme has been developed to facilitate the establishment of health and wellbeing boards across London. It is a joint programme between NHS London, London Councils and the London Joint Improvement Partnership. Through a comprehensive range of activities and events, the programme supports development and relationship building to facilitate change and enhance partnership working at a local level.
For more information, see www.london.nhs.uk or www.londoncouncils.gov.uk or contact matthew.phelan@london.nhs.uk or addicus.cort@londoncouncils.gov.uk

East and Midlands
Local authorities and the NHS in the East of England are working with Care and Healthtrack to create dynamic analytical health and wellbeing dashboards. This will integrate health and social care data at an individual patient and service user level as well as at a planning and strategic commissioning level. In the future, this will link with health and wellbeing boards through their Joint Strategic Needs Assessments.
For more information, contact spoulter@wmcouncils.org.uk or davronjones@yahoo.co.uk

South – Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)
The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) supports the development of health and wellbeing boards across the south of England, working with all 34 local authorities. Alongside bespoke locality work with health and wellbeing boards, HSCP facilitates five networks in the south for: health and wellbeing board chairs / vice chairs, lead officers and local Healthwatch leads in the south east. Currently, HSCP is focusing on issues ranging from relationship building across health and wellbeing board members and wider partners, CCG authorisation to relationships with scrutiny and local Healthwatch development.
For more information, see www.hscpartnership.org.uk or contact Jeanette.Longhurst@hscpartnership.org.uk