

Seeking councillor views on the development of local Sustainability and Transformation Plans, April 2017

We need your help to establish a clear national picture of local councillors' perceptions of their local Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (until recently, known as Sustainability and Transformation Plans).

This survey seeks your views on:

- Local councillors' engagement in the STP process,
- system leadership and governance arrangements,
- the STP's alignment with local ambitions for health and wellbeing,
- engagement with the public, and
- delivery of the STP.

The questions offer a selection of responses and will take around ten minutes to complete. We have included optional comment boxes for you to provide further information to support or explain your responses **where you feel it is necessary** and to give examples of specific experiences that you feel would be useful to other areas. If appropriate we may follow up to explore some of the examples highlighted.

Please be assured that all responses will be treated confidentially and all information will be anonymised. No individual or authority will be identified in any publications, or discussions with the Government and the NHS, without consent. Identifiable information may be used, but only internally within the LGA.

We would be grateful if you would complete the survey at the earliest opportunity and by **11th May 2017** at the latest, when this survey will close. If you have any questions or comments about this survey, please contact philippa.lynch@local.gov.uk.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.

For further information about STPs, see the LGA's [STP page](#) and [STP Must Know: How do you know if STPs are making a positive impact?](#)

A. About you and your role

Please tell us about you and your role.

Your name	(Free text – compulsory) <i>(already stored for invited participants)</i>
Your e-mail address	(Free text – optional) <i>(already stored for invited participants)</i>
Your local authority	(select from list) <i>(already stored for invited participants)</i>
Your role	Pre-populated for invited participants Free text for others (will standardise during analysis)

Q1a) In your opinion, how much do you know about your Sustainability and Transformation Partnership?

Please select one of the following:

A great deal	
A fair amount	
Not very much	
Not at all	
Don't know	

Q1b) Please provide any information that you feel is necessary to further explain your response to Q1a above (optional).

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B. Councillor engagement in the STP Process

Q2a) In your opinion, do you agree that councillors have been sufficiently engaged in your STP?

Please select one of the following:

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Q2b) Please use the space below to further explain your response to Q2a above (optional).

Q3a) In your opinion, how engaged have councillors been in the following aspects of your STP?

Please select one option in each row:

Very engaged

Engaged

Neutral

Disengaged

Very disengaged

Don't know

Shaping proposals

Commenting on proposals

Approving proposals

Engaging patients, service users and communities

Q3b) Please use the space below to further explain your response to Q3a above (optional).

Q4a) In your opinion, how engaged are the following in your STP?

<i>Please select one option in each row:</i>	Very engaged	Engaged	Neutral	Disengaged	Very disengaged	Don't know
The full council						
Cabinet or leadership group						
Health and wellbeing board						
Health overview and scrutiny committee						
Senior officers						
Other (please specify)						

Q4b) Please use the space below to further explain your response to Q4a above (optional).

Q5) In your opinion, do you agree that the relationship between councillors and the following local health and care leaders is generally good?

<i>Please select one option in each row:</i>	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Acute or foundation trusts						
GPs / Primary care						
Clinical Commissioning Groups						
Independent or voluntary providers of healthcare						
Independent or voluntary providers of adult social care						
Neighbouring health and wellbeing boards within the STP						
Other (please specify)						

Q6) In your opinion, to what extent has the STP process made a positive difference to the working relationships between councillors and the following local health and care leaders?

<i>Please select one option in each row:</i>	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Had a negative impact	Don't know
Acute or foundation trusts					
GPs / Primary care					
Clinical Commissioning Groups					
Independent or voluntary providers of healthcare					
Independent or voluntary providers of adult social care					
Neighbouring health and wellbeing boards within the STP					
Other (please specify)					

Q7) In your opinion, how successful are the following in providing an effective forum for engaging councillors in the STP process?

<i>Please select one option in each row:</i>	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Not applicable	Don't know
Health and wellbeing board					
STP Board					
Health overview and scrutiny committee					
Local health and care partnership or integration board					
Informal meetings					
Other (please specify)					

Q8) Please use the space below to further explain your response to the questions above (optional).

C. System leadership and governance arrangements

Q9a) In your opinion, how confident are you that accountability and governance arrangements of the STP(s) are fit for purpose?

Please select one of the following:

Very confident

Fairly confident

Not very confident

Not at all confident

Don't know

Q9b) And in your opinion, do you agree that councillors are sufficiently involved in the governance of the local STP?

Please select one of the following:

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Q9c) Please use the space below to further explain your response to the above (optional).

Q10a) In your opinion, how would you describe your experience of the STP planning process?

Please select one of the following:

Completely top down
(*nationally driven*)

Mostly top down

Equal collaboration

Mostly bottom up

Completely bottom up (*locally driven*)

Don't know

Q10b) Please use the space to further explain your response to Q10a above (optional).

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Q11) Is your council considering, or already considered any governance changes as a result of the STP? If so, please provide a brief explanation.

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D. Local ambitions for health and wellbeing

Q12) In your opinion, to what extent is the STP aligned with your council's local priorities for health and wellbeing?

<i>Please select one of the following:</i>	
To a great extent	
To a moderate extent	
To a small extent	
Not at all	
Don't know	

Q13) In your opinion, what would you say should be the main focus of your STP? Please identify, in order of importance, up to 3 main aspects, using a rank of 1 for the most important.

<i>Please rank up to 3 of the following, with 1 for the most important.</i>	
Addressing the financial deficits in the local health economy	
Investing in more preventative ways of working	
Addressing unwarranted variation in quality of services	
Reconfiguration of acute services	
Moving care into the community	
Integrating health and social care	
Improving health and wellbeing outcomes	
Other 1 (Please specify)	
Other 2 (Please specify)	

Q14) Please use the space below to provide any information that you feel is necessary to further explain your response to Q13 and Q14 above, including any steps being taken by the STP leadership to address any significant differences regarding priorities.

Q15a) In your opinion, to what extent is the STP having a positive impact on local plans in the following areas?

<i>Please select one option in each row:</i>	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Too early to tell	Don't know
Adult social care provision					
Acute care provision					
Primary care services					
Voluntary and community services					
Prevention, public health and early intervention					
Addressing the wider determinants of health and wellbeing					
Other services such as housing and leisure					
Public services reform					
Other 1 (please specify)					
Other 2 (please specify)					
Other 3 (please specify)					

Q15b) Please use the space below to further explain your response to Q15a above (optional).

E. Engagement with the public

Q16a) In your opinion, to what extent have councillors been involved in the STP as representatives and/or champions of their communities in developing proposals?	
<i>Please select one of the following:</i>	
To a great extent	
To a moderate extent	
To a small extent	
Not at all	
Don't know	

Q16b) Please use the space below to further explain your response (optional).

F. Delivery of Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

Q17) In your opinion, how confident are you that your STP will deliver its objectives?	
<i>Please select one of the following:</i>	
Very confident	
Fairly confident	
Not very confident	
Not at all confident	
Don't know	

Q18) In your opinion, how confident are you that your STP will bring benefits for your local communities?	
<i>Please select one of the following:</i>	
Very confident	
Fairly confident	
Not very confident	
Not at all confident	
Don't know	

Q19) Please use the space below to further explain your response to Qs 17 and 18 above (optional).

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Q20) Please tell us about any successes and challenges relating to the local Sustainability and Transformation Plan that have not been covered in your response to this survey, that you feel would be useful to share with others.

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Q21) Please let us know if there is any support or information you would find helpful for you or your council to support you in relation to the local Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

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As part of this work we may want to carry out a limited number of follow up interviews to explore issues and/or identify learning to share with others. Are you willing for us to contact you?

Yes or No

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Thank you for your feedback.

A range of information about guidance and support is available on the [LGA website](#).

Resources include:

Health and wellbeing systems: Designed around system leaders on Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs), our objective is to embed HWBs as place-based health and care leaders and develop the role of the HWB to better support the integration of health and social care services.

Integration and the Better Care Fund: Supporting authorities to deliver their Sustainability and Transformation Plans and Better Care Fund as they move towards full integration of care and health by 2020.