From transition to transformation in public health

Links to resources that support transition

National transition information


Department of Health, February 2012, ‘Building a Public Health England (PHE) people transition policy’. This policy sets out how principles of the HR Transition Framework will be used to transfer and appoint staff to PHE. It also describes the wider organisational design work for PHE which is now underway, involving engagement with ‘sender bodies’ (PCTs and SHAs), local authority representatives and others. http://tinyurl.com/c9kekjs

Department of Health, March 2012, ‘Healthy lives, healthy people: towards a workforce strategy for the public health system’. This DH consultation sets out proposals for a highly qualified public health workforce in local authorities, the NHS and Public Health England; it explores opportunities for employers to develop and embed public health knowledge and skills in the wider workforce. The consultation has been endorsed by the LGA which asks local authorities to contribute. It runs until 29th June and will inform a workforce strategy in the autumn. http://tinyurl.com/d67pb79


Department of Health, June 2012, ‘Public health advice service to CCGs’. The DH has issued guidance on the public health advice that local authorities must provide to CCGs which will be funded from the public health budget allocated to local authorities. The guidance describes the possible elements of a public health advice service, Frequently Asked Questions and examples of memorandums of understanding that have been developed locally from several areas. http://tinyurl.com/cgh3jsv

Department of Health, October 2012, ‘Directors of Public Health in Local Government: roles, responsibilities and context’. This guidance describes the statutory and non statutory functions of DsPH. It also provides an overview of issues relating to the employment of DsPH such as appointment processes and professional requirements. [http://tinyurl.com/9vsyt5u](http://tinyurl.com/9vsyt5u)

Department of Health, October 2012, ‘Directors of Public Health in Local Government: guidance on appointing directors of public health from 1 April 2013’. This guidance provides more detail about the process that local authorities must use to appoint DsPH after April. A separate process will operate for the transfer of DsPH from the NHS to local authorities in April 2013. [http://tinyurl.com/c6s6v73](http://tinyurl.com/c6s6v73)

Department of Health, October 2012, ‘The new public health role of local authorities’. The fact sheet summarises and updates on local authorities’ forthcoming public health responsibilities including mandated services such as the national child measurement programme, and new responsibilities such as carrying out consultation on fluoridation. [http://tinyurl.com/9vsyt5u](http://tinyurl.com/9vsyt5u)

Department of Health, November 2012 ‘Public health commissioning in the NHS from 2013’. The NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB) and the DH have published an agreement on the NHS CB’s responsibilities for commissioning certain public health services which include:

- national immunisation programmes
- national routine screening programmes both for cancer and non cancer
- children’s public health services from pregnancy to age five

£1.8 billion from the public health budget will be provided in addition to other funding for public health in primary care. [http://tinyurl.com/awssycpy](http://tinyurl.com/awssycpy)

Department of Health, Human Resources agreement for staff affected by public health transition (November 2011): [http://tinyurl.com/bsalwnx](http://tinyurl.com/bsalwnx)

Department of Health, Human Resources transition framework (July 2011): [http://tinyurl.com/6jh7l56](http://tinyurl.com/6jh7l56)


LGA online resource for health including information on the health transition, Healthwatch, children’s health and adult social care: [http://www.local.gov.uk/health](http://www.local.gov.uk/health)

Knowledge Hub for Health and Wellbeing Boards – online networking forum for early implementers and resources for health and wellbeing boards: [http://tinyurl.com/dy3rt3h](http://tinyurl.com/dy3rt3h)

Faculty of Public Health: Guidance for local authorities on the appointment of a director of public health and Director of public health job description: [http://www.fph.org.uk/job_descriptions](http://www.fph.org.uk/job_descriptions)


Public Health Transition to Local Authorities: Training and Development resource directory for local authorities and NHS public health teams (September 2011): [http://tinyurl.com/bnqxja4](http://tinyurl.com/bnqxja4)
Regional transition information

North West Public Health Transition Team website and resources: http://tinyurl.com/bp52ay7

Elected members training carried out by Lancashire County Council: http://tinyurl.com/bugxp38

South West Public Health Transition monthly updates: http://tinyurl.com/c5mu7c5

West Midlands Public Health Transition web resource: http://tinyurl.com/cp8c9z9

West Midlands Public Health Transition Support Programme: http://tinyurl.com/cj3tg3b

A range of events that have happened or are planned to support PH transition work in the West Midlands: http://tinyurl.com/crafx9k

Workshops with elected members on public health – the West Midlands Leadership Academy: http://tinyurl.com/c8w7z4c

A project to develop the Public Health Provider Landscape: http://tinyurl.com/blfr856

West Midlands PH Transition Assurance Visits – a report summarising a recent series of visits to local areas (LAs and PCTs) by the RDPH to discuss progress with PH transition and transformation has been produced. The visits highlighted a range of good practice and innovative work to transform PH activity at local level: http://tinyurl.com/c3zd8ng

Further information on Public Health transition is available from West Midlands public health by emailing PHtransitionWM@dh.gsi.gov.uk