National Survey of Local Healthwatch and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Members of Health and Wellbeing Boards

Page 1: Welcome

This online survey is part of a study funded through the Department of Health Policy Research Programme concerned with the impact of transferring public health responsibilities to local government in April 2013. For further details about the project please visit our website: https://www.dur.ac.uk/public.health/projects/current/cphs/

We are seeking the views of all local Healthwatch and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) members of Health and Wellbeing Boards in order to understand changes in how preventive services are being commissioned and provided following these reforms and how VCSE organisations are being involved.

All responses are anonymised and neither participants nor their organisations will be identified.

We estimate that it will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete the survey.

We would appreciate your response by Monday 6th July.

If you have any questions or if you experience technical difficulties accessing or submitting the survey please contact Catherine Taylor (research associate) at c.e.taylor@durham.ac.uk or Michelle Cook (project administrator) at michelle.cook@durham.ac.uk

Thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Section 1: You and your organisation

1 Please describe your current role.
 C Local Healthwatch member of Health and Wellbeing Board C VCSE member of Health and Wellbeing Board C Other
1.a What is the main purpose of your organisation? (Please describe the type of services provided and/or who benefits from the services.)
1.b If you selected Other, please describe in the box below:
2 How long have you been a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board?
C Two years +
C One year
C Less than one year

3 Where are you located?

- North West
- North East
- C Yorkshire and Humber
- © East Midlands
- West Midlands
- © East of England
- C London
- South West
- South East

Section 2: Commissioning preventive services in your local authority area

4 How would you describe the influence of the following on preventive services commissioned in your local authority area?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important	Don't know
Public health outcomes framework	0	0	О	0	0	0
Health and Wellbeing Board	0	0	О	0	0	0
Local authority public health team	0	0	О	0	0	0
National policy/government priorities	o	c	0	o	o	0
NHS priorities	О	О	0	О	О	0
Historical provision	О	О	0	О	О	0
Joint strategic needs assessment	О	O	С	О	O	0
Joint health and wellbeing strategy	O	0	О	C	О	0
Consultation with local communities	С	О	О	С	0	0
Overview and Scrutiny committee members	О	0	О	О	0	0
Executive elected members of the local authority	o	c	O	o	o	О
Clinical Commissioning Groups	О	O	О	О	O	0
VCSE organisations	О	О	О	O	С	0
Members of Parliament	O	O	C	0	O	0

	Please describe:	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important
Other		O	0	0	0	0
Other		O	0	О	0	O

Other C C C C

sector in your local authority area? (Please tick all that apply.)
□ NHS England
☐ Local NHS Trust(s)
□ Local authority
☐ Clinical Commissioning Groups
☐ Individual GP practices
☐ Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities (joint funding)
☐ Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS Trusts (joint funding)
□ Don't know
□ Other
5.a If you selected Other, please describe in the box below:

5 Which organisations currently commission preventive services from the VCSE

6 How would you assess the routes through which your organisation could influence the commissioning of preventive services?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important	Don't know
Health and Wellbeing Board	0	O	C	0	0	0
Clinical Commissioning Group	0	0	C	0	0	0
Local authority forums	O	О	С	О	С	О
Sub-groups of the Health and Wellbeing Board	O	0	О	O	0	0
In-house discussion with directorates	0	O	C	0	0	0
Local authority public health team	0	O	C	O	0	0
Overview and Scrutiny committee members	0	0	О	O	0	0
Executive elected members of the local authority	o	o	0	c	o	0
Members of Parliament	0	О	C	С	С	0
VCSE infrastructure body	0	0	О	О	0	0

	Please describe:	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important
Other		0	О	0	0	0
Other		0	0	О	0	О
Other		0	С	0	0	0

7 How important are the following for enabling your organisation to influence the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important	Don't know
Direct involvement with local authority commissioners	o	O	0	О	С	0
Direct involvement with Clinical Commissioning Groups	o	O	0	o	c	О
Through public consultation mechanisms	O	O	С	О	O	0
Local authority public health department	0	О	С	О	О	0
Health and Wellbeing Board	O	O	С	С	O	О
VCSE Health Partnership	0	0	О	0	0	0

	Please describe:	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important
Other		0	0	0	0	0
Other		O	0	0	0	О
Other		О	О	O	О	О

8 What changes would need to take place for your organisation to play a greater role in influencing the commissioning of preventive services?						

Section 3: Influence of VCSE organisations on commissioning

Overall, how would you rate reflecting views of the VCSE se			h and W	lellbeing Board as a forum for
C Very poor C Poor C Average C Good C Very good				
9.a Please explain your answer bri	iefly:			
10 In your experience, does your preventive roles of the VCSE see			and Wo	ellbeing Board discuss the
			ions cur Don't know	rently play a role in the following? If yes, please give examples:
Health impact assessment of local authority policies	0	O	О	
Developing public health approaches across local authority directorates	C	0	О	

Section 4: Changes since the relocation of public health responsibilities to local authorities in April 2013

12 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes set in motion by the public health reforms?
○ Strongly Disagree
© Disagree
C Agree
C Strongly Agree
C Don't know
12.a Please explain reasons for your answer in the box below:
13 Has your view changed since 2013?
C Yes C No
13.a Please explain reasons for your answer in the box below:

14 Since the public health reforms, how would you assess the strength of public involvement in the following?

	Less	About the same	More	Don't know
Identifying local public health needs	0	О	0	0
Influencing Joint Strategic Needs Assessments	0	О	0	0
Influencing commissioning priorities	0	0	0	O
Co-design of adult health and wellbeing services	0	О	0	O
Co-design of health and wellbeing services for younger people	0	О	О	O
Community engagement in preventive initiatives	0	О	0	0

15 How would you assess the impact of the public health reforms on the VCSE sector for the following?

	Less	About the same	More	Don't know
Influence on commissioning priorities	0	О	0	0
Complexity of contractual arrangements	0	О	0	О
Coordination of views across VCSE networks	0	О	0	О
Variety in the services commissioned	0	0	0	0
Involvement in providing preventive services	0	0	0	О
Complexity in funding	0	O	0	0
Availability of funding	0	О	O	0
Provision of incentives for achieving improved health outcomes	0	0	О	О
Emphasis on addressing health inequalities	0	С	0	O
Emphasis on place-based initiatives	0	С	0	0

16 Since the public health reforms, how has the financial climate impacted on the VCSE sector's involvement in public health services?					

17 Since the public health reforms how would you assess the role of the following in providing preventive services in your local authority area?

	Less	About the same	More	Don't know	Examples:
Private/commercial providers	0	0	C	0	
Local authority (in house)	0	O	O	O	
GP practices	О	O	О	0	
VCS organisations	O	O	C	0	
Social Enterprises	O	0	o	C	
NHS Trusts	0	O	C	0	

	Please describe:	Less	About the same	More	Don't know	Examples:
Other		O	O	C	О	
Other		C	0	O	С	
Other		О	O	O	О	

18	Are you aware	of how	the	ring-fenced	public	health	budget	has	been	spent	in
you	r local authority	/ area?									

C Yes C No C To some extent
18.a Has it been reshaped to meet local health priorities?
C Yes C No C Unsure
18.b Has it been reshaped to meet local health priorities?
C Yes C No C Unsure

Section 5: Identifying innovative practice

19 The public health reforms placed an emphasis on encouraging innovation in the provision of preventive services at a local level. In a few sentences or by providing a few key words, how would you define innovation?								
20 Have the public health ref services in your local authority				vative approaches to public health wing?				
	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:				
Targeting services to under- served groups and areas	0	0	0					
Developing community networks	0	C	0					
Addressing social context and conditions	0	0	0					
Addressing unhealthy lifestyles	0	С	O					
Involving community champions	0	C	0					
Co-design of services (younger people)	0	С	o					
Co-design of services (older people)	0	C	0					
Co-design of services (other groups) (please specify)	0	О	o					

Using incentives	0	0	0	
Accessing services	О	0	С	

	Please describe:	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:
Other		0	О	C	
Other		0	0	0	
Other		0	0	0	

21 If you would like to highlight examples of local innovation, please do so in the box provided. If possible please provide links to documents/websites or provide contact details of individuals/organisations who may be able to provide additional information.
22 Can you indicate the main enablers to greater involvement of VCSE organisations in providing preventive services?
23 Can you indicate the main barriers to greater involvement of VCSE organisations in providing preventive services?

24) Please use the box provided to make any comments on this survey or to tell us anything that has not already been covered.							
25 If you wo	ould like to be kept informed about ls.	the research, please provide					
Name							
Email							
Organisation							

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Many thanks for your time in filling out this survey. A report of the survey will be made available on our project website:

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