National survey: impact of the public health reforms

Welcome

In April 2013, major public health reforms came into force in England but what effect have these reforms had on access, health inequalities and innovation in service provision?

'Commissioning public health services' is a 30-month research study designed to answer these questions. Funded by the Department of Health Policy Research Programme, the study is led by Durham University in collaboration with the Universities of York and Coventry and Voluntary Organisations' Network North East (VONNE).

This online survey is for Directors of Public Health (DsPH) and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) members of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs). We want to know your views about the impact of the reforms on:

- Funding public health services
- · Commissioning and providing preventive services
- · Adult lifestyle services and childhood obesity
- Innovative practice
- The public health leadership role of local authorities
- Changes in the public health system

We would greatly value your input and are asking for 20 minutes of your time to complete the basic survey. There are also optional questions and opportunities to provide examples and comments throughout. Responses are anonymised and neither participants nor their organisations will be identified in the report.

We would appreciate your response by Tuesday 25th August.

Further details of the project are available on our website, where a report of the survey will be made available (https://www.dur.ac.uk/public.health/projects/current/cphs/). 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

Thank you for your time and views – your participation is greatly appreciated.

About you

The first section is about you and your role.

- 1 What is your current role on the Health and Wellbeing Board? * Required
- CCG representative
- C Public Health representative
- ${\ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}}$ I am not currently a member of a Health and Wellbeing Board

2 What position do you hold on the Health and Wellbeing Board? * Re	quired
c Chair c Co-Chair c Vice-Chair c Core Member c Other	
2.a If you selected Other, please describe in the box below:	

3 Are yo	ou a member of	more than one I	Health and We	ellbeing Board?	* Required
C Yes					
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Funding public health services

The second section is concerned with the ring-fenced budget and other sources of public health funding.

4 What are your views of the following statements related to the ring-fenced public health budget?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't know	Comments:
It protects public health services	c	c	o	o	o	o	
It provides an accurate picture of public health spend across a local authority	C	C	C	C	C	c	
It should be retained in its present form	c	c	C	C	o	C	
The distinction between mandated and non-mandated public health services should be preserved	c	c	c	c	c	c	
It provides useful data for comparison with other local authorities	c	С	С	С	c	С	
It has been used to stimulate public health changes across local authority directorates	C	0	C	C	C	С	

5 Thinking about the 2014-15 ring-fenced public health budget, did any of the following apply in your local authority?

	*	Requ	uired	
	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:
There were changes in how the ring-fenced budget was distributed across public health budget categories	0	С	o	
The ring-fenced budget was top- sliced	C	O	c	
The ring-fenced budget was used for public health activities across local authority directorates	C	C	0	
Part of the ring-fenced budget was pooled with CCG funds	C	c	c	

6 Please indicate your views over funding of public health services in 2014-15 for the following local authority public health budget reporting categories. (Optional question.) Continued on next page.

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	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Yes	No	Don't know	Yes	No	Don't know
Obesity (adults)	0	0	О	0	0	С	0	0	С
Obesity (children)	О	О	О	0	О	С	0	0	С
National Child Measurement Programme	C	o	o	O	О	c	С	С	o
Exercise schemes (adults)	0	О	c	С	О	c	О	0	С
Exercise schemes (children)	0	С	C	0	0	О	0	0	С
NHS Health Checks	О	О	О	0	0	С	0	0	С
STI testing and treatment	0	С	C	0	0	О	0	0	С
Contraception (excluding routine GP provision)	C	0	c	С	С	O	С	С	o
Sexual health services - advice, prevention and promotion	0	c	o	c	О	c	С	О	c

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	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Yes	No	Don't know	Yes	No	Don't know
Drug misuse (adults)	0	0	О	0	0	0	0	0	О
Alcohol misuse (adults)	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	О
Drug and alcohol misuse (young people)	С	С	С	С	С	c	О	0	С
Stop smoking services and interventions	О	О	C	0	0	O	0	0	О
Wider tobacco control	0	0	О	0	0	0	0	0	О
Children 5-19 public health programmes (inc. healthy schools programme and healthy child programme)	c	o	o	C	C	c	c	C	c
Nutrition, including balanced diet initiatives and breast feeding support	c	c	o	О	C	c	c	С	c
Weight management services	С	С	c	0	О	C	О	0	С
Prevention of excess winter deaths	С	О	c	0	0	O	0	0	О

Commissioning and providing preventive services

In the third section we are interested in changes in where and how preventive services are being delivered and whether new providers are being commissioned.

8 Since the public health reforms are the following more or less involved in delivering preventive services in your local area?

		* Req	uired		
	More	About the same	Less	Don't know	Examples:
Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations	О	c	С	c	
Health trainers and other peer support	C	О	c	0	
Private providers	O	o	c	0	
Local authority employees as part of LA services	o	o	c	0	
GP practices	O	o	o	c	
Employer workplace schemes	O	o	c	0	
Community groups	O	c	C	c	
NHS Trusts	O	o	0	o	
Pharmacists	o	o	c	0	
Volunteers	О	c	c	С	

8.a If there are others missing from the list above please provide details:

	Please describe:	More	About the same	Less	Examples:
Other		c	o	0	

Other	О	o	О	
Other	С	С	o	

9 Have the public health reforms encouraged any of the following approaches in your local area?

	*	Requ	uired	If yes, has service uptake increased in underserved groups?		ptake ed in erved	
	Yes	No	Don't know	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:
Addressing clustering of unhealthy behaviours	C	С	c	С	С	С	
Developing new integrated health and wellbeing services	O	О	c	С	О	С	
Using community networks to identify underserved groups	O	o	C	С	c	c	
Developing asset-based approaches	c	C	C	О	С	С	
Using VCSE organisations to work with underserved groups	0	c	O	С	С	c	
Using financial incentives for providers	С	С	c	С	С	С	
Using local authority venues to deliver services	c	С	c	C	О	С	
Using neighbourhood venues to deliver services	0	С	c	С	О	c	
9.a If there ar	e oth	iers	missing	j fron	n the	list abo	ove please provide details:

10 To what extent have the public health reforms affected participation by communities in your local area in the following activities?

		* Rec	quired		
	Less	About the same	More	Don't know	Examples:
Identifying local public health priorities	C	c	c	c	
Identifying local solutions	c	О	С	c	
Community capacity building	О	o	О	o	
Influencing commissioning priorities	О	o	О	o	
Co-design of adult services	O	o	О	o	
Co-design of young people's services	o	c	С	c	

10.a If there are others missing from the list above please provide details:

	Please describe:	More	About the same	Less	Examples:
Other		0	O	0	
Other		c	O	С	
Other		C	c	0	

Adult lifestyle services and childhood obesity

In the fourth section we would like to find out more about services designed to encourage healthy lifestyles and initiatives to address child obesity.

11 What is your view of the following statements on services in your local area designed to encourage healthy lifestyles in adults since the reforms were implemented in 2013?

			* Requ	ired			
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't know	Examples:
There are more services being commissioned	C	C	c	c	C	o	
Services are being reconfigured	C	c	0	C	o	o	
New providers are being commissioned	o	o	o	O	•	О	
Services are being delivered in a wider range of venues	c	o	o	c	o	c	
Ways of encouraging healthy lifestyles are being considered across local authority directorates	c	c	c	c	c	c	

12 Who provided adult lifestyle services in 2014-15 in your local area? (Please tick all that apply.) (Optional question.)

	Service not provided	VCSE organisations	Health trainers and other peer support	Private providers	Local authority employees as part of LA services	GP practices	Employer workplace schemes	Community groups	NHS Trusts
Healthy eating initiatives	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г
Exercise schemes	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г
Stop smoking services	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г
Drug misuse services (adults)	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г
Alcohol misuse sevices (adults)	Г	г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г
Drug and alcohol misuse sevices (young people)	Г	г	Г	г	г	г	г	г	Г
Weight management services	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г

12.a	If there are others missing from the list above please provide details:

service? * Required
○ Yes
C No
C Don't know
13.a Has this increased uptake of services among underserved groups?
C Yes
C No
C Don't know

(13) Can lifestyle services be accessed through an integrated health and wellbeing

14 Have the public health reforms led to changes in approaches to addressing child obesity in your local area in 2014-15?

	*	Requ	uired	
	Yes	No	Don't know	Please give examples of any significant changes:
More initiatives to prevent child obesity are being commissioned	0	C	С	
The local authority has expanded lifestyle weight management services for children	O	С	C	
The local authority has increased investment in healthy eating initiatives for children	0	0	c	
The local authority has increased opportunities for exercise /physical activity	O	О	C	
New providers have been commissioned to provide lifestyle weight management programmes	0	0	С	
There is greater emphasis on encouraging healthy lifestyles for children across local authority directorates	0	О	o	

(15) In 2014-15 which types of services were commissioned to specifically tackle child obesity? (Please tick all that apply.)

			* Requ				
	Service not provided	School- based interventions	Advice to parents / carers	Advice to children	Family-based interventions	Don't know	Other (please specify)
Exercise schemes	Г	Г	П	Г	Г	Г	
Healthy eating initiatives	Г	Г	г	Г	Г	Г	

16 Who provided services for preventing child obesity and helping overweight children and young people in 2014-15 in your local area? (Please tick all that apply.) (Optional question.)

	Service not provided	VCSE organisations	Private providers	LA primary school nursing service	LA secondary school nursing service	LA (other)	GP practices	NHS Trusts	Pharmacists	Vo
Combined lifestyle management services	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	
Healthy eating initiatives	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	
Exercise schemes	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	
Weight loss services	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	г	Г	П	Г	

16.a	If there are others missing from the list above please provide details:	

17 Taking a broader approach to addressing obesity in children, have the reforms led to funded initiatives in your local authority in 2014-15 in the following areas?

	1	Req	uired				
	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:			
Active travel	О	С	С				
Using the planning system to regulate fast-food outlets around schools	0	c	o				
Promoting use of green space	С	0	С				
Access to leisure programmes	О	C	o				
Healthy schools initiatives	C	C	o				
Healthier Catering Awards	0	0	С				
17.a If there are other initiatives missing from the list above please provide details:							

Identifying innovative practice

In the fifth section we are interested in finding out how innovation is being encouraged in your local area.

18) The public health reforms placed an emphasis on encouraging innovation in providing preventive services at a local level. In a few sentences or by providing few key words, how would you define innovation in this context? * Required	а

19 Has your local authority created a climate for developing innovative approaches to public health by doing any of the following?

	* Required		uired	
	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:
Prioritising areas where innovation is needed	C	O	О	
Providing opportunities and time allocation for developing innovation	C	c	0	
Facilitating cross council working with key partners	О	0	С	
Testing new approaches to public health services	О	О	С	
Formally acknowledging efforts to develop innovative working	С	С	С	
Learning from failures	O	0	c	
Providing financial incentives for achieving improved health resulting from innovative ideas / services	C	o	o	
Using the ring-fenced public health budget to encourage innovation	0	0	С	
Commissioning for integrated services	С	O	О	

19.a If there are others missing from the list above please provide details:

	Please describe:	Yes	No	Examples:
Other		С	0	
Other		С	С	
Other		0	0	

Public health leadership role of local authorities

The sixth section concerns the public health leadership role of local authorities in promoting health and addressing health inequalities.

20 What are your views of the following statements in relation to the public health leadership role of your local authority?

			* Requ				
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't know	Examples:
DsPH are able to exercise an independent voice	c	c	c	c	С	c	
The local authority has clear objectives for improving public health	c	c	c	С	С	С	
Public health concerns are being integrated within local authority directorates	c	c	c	С	c	c	
HWBs are leading on wider public health challenges	c	c	c	O	C	c	
Health impact assessments of local authority policies are being developed	c	c	c	c	c	c	
Overview and scrutiny committees actively scrutinise public health outcomes	c	c	c	c	c	c	

Multi-agency approaches are being developed to support healthy lifestyles	С	c	c	С	С	c		
20.a If there are specific initiatives which reflect the public health leadership role in your local authority, please provide examples in the box below:								

Changes in the public health system

The final section concerns the public health system.

21) What are your views on the following statements in relation to the public health system in your local area since the reforms?

	* Required		uired	
	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:
Collaboration across CCGs and local authorities is good	0	C	О	
Links across local primary care and local authority services are better	0	c	o	
Data sharing across primary care and public health teams has become simpler	С	О	С	
Communication for health protection has become simpler	О	C	o	
The public health outcomes framework influences priorities across local partners	0	C	O	
More public health expertise is available to CCGs	0	C	О	
The NHS is more able to provide preventive services	O	C	0	
The NHS is more able to commission preventive services	0	c	o	

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24) Do public health commissioners in your local area need additional support from the following?

	* Required			
	Yes	No	Don't know	Examples:
Public Health England	С	С	o	
NHS England regional teams	C	c	o	
Commissioning support services	c	С	o	

24.a If there are other sources of support missing from the list above please provide details:

	Please describe:	Examples:
Other		
Other		
Other		

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

You have now answered all the survey questions, please click finish to submit your responses.

End of survey

Thank you for participating in this survey. We greatly appreciate your response.