

Healthy lives, healthy people White Paper: The Government's strategy for public health in England

Summary of the Government's Consultation Questions

The White Paper

- a) **Role of GPs and GP practices in public health:** Are there additional ways in which we can ensure that GPs and GP practices will continue to play a key role in areas for which Public Health England will take responsibility?
- b) **Public health evidence:** What are the best opportunities to develop and enhance the availability, accessibility and utility of public health information and intelligence?
- c) **Public health evidence:** How can Public Health England address current gaps such as using the insights of behavioural science, tackling wider determinants of health, achieving cost effectiveness, and tackling inequalities?
- d) **Public health evidence:** What can wider partners nationally and locally contribute to improving the use of evidence in public health?
- e) **Regulation of public health professionals:** We would welcome views on Dr Gabriel Scally's report. If we were to pursue voluntary registration, which organisation would be best suited to provide a system of voluntary regulation for public health specialists?

Healthy Lives, Healthy People: consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health

- 1) Is the health and wellbeing board the right place to bring together ring-fenced public health and other budgets?
- 2) What mechanisms would best enable local authorities to utilise voluntary and independent sector capacity to support health improvement plans? What can be done to ensure the widest possible range of providers are supported to play a full part in providing health and wellbeing services and minimise barriers to such involvement?
- 3) How can we best ensure that NHS commissioning is underpinned by the necessary public health advice?
- 4) Is there a case for Public Health England to have greater flexibility in future on commissioning services currently provided through the GP contract, and if so how might this be achieved?
- 5) Are there any additional positive or negative impacts of our proposals that are not described in the equality impact assessment and that we should take account of when developing the policy?
- 6) Do you agree that the public health budget should be responsible for funding the remaining functions and services in the areas listed in the second column of Table A?

- 7) Do you consider the proposed primary routes for commissioning of public health funded activity (the third column) to be the best way to:
 - (a) ensure the best possible outcomes for the population as a whole, including the most vulnerable; and
 - (b) reduce avoidable inequalities in health between population groups and communities?If not, what would work better?
- 8) Which services should be mandatory for local authorities to provide or commission?
- 9) Which essential conditions should be placed on the grant to ensure the successful transition of responsibility for public health to local authorities?
- 10) Which approaches to developing an allocation formula should we ask ACAR to consider?
- 11) Which approach should we take to pace-of-change?
- 12) Who should be represented in the group developing the formula?
- 13) Which factors do we need to consider when considering how to apply elements of the Public Health Outcomes Framework to the health premium?
- 14) How should we design the health premium to ensure that it incentivises reductions in inequalities?
- 15) Would linking access to growth in health improvement budgets to progress on elements of the Public Health Outcomes Framework provide an effective incentive mechanism?
- 16) What are the key issues the group developing the formula will need to consider?

Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Transparency in Outcomes Proposals for a Public Health Outcomes Framework

- 1) How can we ensure that the Outcomes Framework enables local partnerships to work together on health and wellbeing priorities, and does not act as a barrier?
- 2) Do you feel these are the right criteria to use in determining indicators for public health?
- 3) How can we ensure that the Outcomes Framework and the health premium are designed to ensure they contribute fully to health inequality reduction and advancing equality?
- 4) Is this the right approach to alignment across the NHS, Adult Social Care and Public Health frameworks?

- 5) Do you agree with the overall framework and domains?
- 6) Have we missed out any indicators that you think we should include?
- 7) We have stated in this document that we need to arrive at a smaller set of indicators than we have had previously. Which would you rank as the most important?
- 8) Are there indicators here that you think we should not include?
- 9) How can we improve indicators we have proposed here?
- 10) Which indicators do you think we should incentivise? (consultation on this will be through the accompanying consultation on public health finance and systems)
- 11) What do you think of the proposal to share a specific domain on preventable mortality between the NHS and Public Health Outcomes Frameworks?
- 12) How well do the indicators promote a life-course approach to public health?