



This is the monthly newsletter of the London Health and Wellbeing Board partnership support programme. It aims to help colleagues in London keep in touch with the programme in between events and to provide updates on relevant London and national developments.

### *In this issue:*

- Offer of support to HWBs in tackling health inequalities from the Marmot Review Team
- London Health and Wellbeing Challenge Events
- Shadow London Health Improvement Board Update
- Statutory guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and joint health and wellbeing strategies
- Reflections from the Board, by Rachel Flowers, Director of Public Health, London borough of Newham

## Upcoming HWB Programme events and projects

### **Addressing health inequalities and delivering health and wellbeing for communities in London: offer of support from the Marmot Review Team, Institute for Health Equity, University College London**

The London Health and Wellbeing Board partnership support programme, in partnership with the Greater London Authority (and with support from the Department of Health's Regional Public Health Group, London), is offering free bespoke support to each Board from the Marmot Review team.

Boards can choose between the following two options:

**A review of their JSNA** to explore how health inequalities are considered, how conclusions are reached and how need and the evidence base (including action on the social determinants of health) are used to inform recommendations. This review and feedback can be via a desktop exercise or as a collaborative workshop for local stakeholders. This will dovetail with work currently being undertaken for the London HWB programme by the King's Fund to develop good practice guidance for Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies. The Marmot Review Team will help Boards to make sure that their JSNA enables them to develop a strategy in line with this guidance. The team can also offer support in engaging with local communities to develop JSNAs.

Support to **raise the profile of health inequalities locally, or to address specific health inequalities issues locally**. The Marmot Review Team will provide bespoke face-to-face consultancy to individual health and wellbeing boards to help them to find practical solutions to these issues.

Supported by:



Joint Improvement  
Partnership



## Timetable

This offer is available from April – December 2012. Each Board can book up to one day's worth of support during this period – more time may be available as this work develops. We recommend that Boards book early, even if they do not think they will want support until later in the year.

## Arranging support

Boards should contact Mike Grady at the Marmot Review Team to discuss this offer and to arrange support. He can be contacted with immediate effect - email: [mrmikegrady@btinternet.com](mailto:mrmikegrady@btinternet.com) (preferred), or mobile: 07811 370591.

## About the Marmot Review Team

The Marmot Review Team is led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot. In February 2010, the team published *Fair Society, Healthy Lives*, a culmination of a year-long independent review into health inequalities in England, which Professor Sir Michael Marmot was asked to chair by the Secretary of State for Health. The Review proposed the most effective evidence-based strategies for reducing health inequalities in England.

## London Health and Wellbeing Challenge Events

Thank you to everyone who has already registered to participate in the London Health and Wellbeing Challenge Events. There are limited spaces left available, and two of the events are now fully booked, so please do register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The events will take place in February and March – dates and locations are below:

Tuesday 21 February 2012 - The Oval **[fully booked]**  
Tuesday 28 February 2012 - Camden Centre  
Thursday 1 March 2012 - Earls Court  
Thursday 8 March 2012 - London Bridge **[fully booked]**

These events will provide a safe environment for partners to explore partnership working across the system and to test how some of the more difficult decisions and challenges will be managed.

For further information please contact: [matthew.phelan@london.nhs.uk](mailto:matthew.phelan@london.nhs.uk)

## London Health and Wellbeing Board workshop 27 February 2012

The next workshop of the London Health and Wellbeing Board Network meeting scheduled for 27 February 2012 has been cancelled due to the challenge event taking place on 28 February 2012 which the programme team will be involved in preparing for.

## Feedback and updates

### London Health Improvement Board

The third meeting of the shadow London Health Improvement Board (LHIB) took place on 16 January 2012. The board agreed work programmes for 2012/13 under four priorities: taking action on alcohol; tackling childhood obesity; prevention and early diagnosis of cancer; and better information for health improvement. The Board explored opportunities and challenges in each of the priority areas and highlighted the importance of measuring impacts throughout the board's first year. Board members also considered the unique role the board can play in facilitating activity across a range of London partners, in particular local authorities, going forward. Full papers are available on the [LHIB website](#)

## Other upcoming developments

### London Councils Grants consultation 2013/15

London Councils is inviting responses to this public consultation about its future grants programme and its review of the potential equalities effects on the protected groups as part of its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

This consultation exercise will assist London Councils in reaching the following decisions in future:

- Which of the 105 current commissions should be funded beyond the end of their fixed funding agreements and until the end of the 2012/13 financial year?
- What principles and priorities will be applied in selecting commissions to start from 1 April 2013?

London Councils will not publish individual replies. You may respond in an individual capacity, or on behalf of an organisation.

[Take part in the consultation now by following this link](#), or visit the [London Councils Grants](#) website to read further information on the timetable for the consultation, background information and our initial assessment of the equalities effects.

This consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 23 March 2012.

## **Draft statutory guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and joint health and wellbeing strategies**

Draft guidance has been produced by DH providing a framework for NHS and local government to work together to undertake JSNAs and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWS). DH is requesting views on the content from chief executives and local leaders in advance of a formal consultation. The deadline for feedback is 17 February 2012. For further information, go to: [healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/draft-guidance](http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/draft-guidance)

## **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Supporting Information for Drugs and Alcohol**

The [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\) Support Pack for Commissioners of Recovery in Communities](#) information is intended to support the development of local recovery-oriented treatment planning and delivery during 2012/13. Building on the principles set out in the 2010 national drug strategy, this document sets out a range of principles and operational prompts to assist local areas in planning integrated approaches to drug treatment and recovery systems.

The 'Why Invest?' presentation provides key facts and figures relating to drug addiction in England, and should enable local areas to identify the strategic importance of maintaining and developing local treatment systems.

From April 2013, local areas will receive funding for drug and alcohol treatment from the public health budget, supported nationally by Public Health England. Until then, local areas will continue to receive notification of centrally allocated drug treatment funding and tailored support from the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA), whose functions will be transferred to Public Health England from April 2013. More information on local treatment planning is available on the [NTA website](#), and from your local NTA team

## **Local government and public health research**

The New Local Government Network (NLGN) is embarking on a new research project examining the future of local government and public health. The research is aiming to identify and share early learning and best practice of Health and Wellbeing Boards.

NGLN has compiled a survey ([you can access the survey by clicking here](#)), which will contribute to a body of evidence to establish a general framework which practitioners could use in further developing their Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The questionnaire will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. Respondents' names will not be used in any publication. Early copies of the survey findings will be available to survey respondents. As a thank-you, NLGN will be drawing a respondent's name and will donate £50 pounds to a charity of the winner's choice.

Judith Hendley (London Councils) and Ian Winter (DH Deputy Regional Director, London) have been invited to join the advisory group for this research project.

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE BOARD:

---

### Rachel Flowers, Director of Public Health, LB Newham


Newham has had a Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board since March 2011, one of the early starters and, to me, what has been most noteworthy is not just who is there at the table - the Clinical Commissioning Groups, the elected members and local government officers, the representation from the NHS commissioners and the third sector through LiNKs, and of course, the Joint Director of Public Health - it's that nearly all of them are there for every board meeting, working together, shaping what a Health and Wellbeing Board means for Newham and the added value that this can bring.

We have discussed a range of issues, from the delegation to pathfinder status for the CCG, the transition of public health from the NHS, to the governance and accountability of the Health and Wellbeing Board and how established multi-agency meetings of the LSP support and inform it.

We've also had some very good Health and Wellbeing Board workshops, where others are also invited to contribute to the shaping and thinking around a variety of issues such as mental health and wellbeing commissioning and local area data.

My reflection now is that we have had a very good start with all members demonstrating their commitment to this Board and that our challenge now is to ensure that our multi-agency board continue to work together developing a robust understanding of its role to become a key player in the strategic commissioning of services that impact on health and wellbeing. Something I feel sure that all members are up for.

If you are a member of a Health and Wellbeing Board and would like to contribute a reflection from your Board, please contact: [addicus.cort@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:addicus.cort@londoncouncils.gov.uk)

 If you have missed any of the previous issues of the London Health and Wellbeing Board newsletters, they are available to download [here](#)

Supported by:



Joint Improvement  
Partnership

