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Preparing local government for public health

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Two thoughts

So what do we know(or at least think we do)……

And who is my audience…….

Public Health is coming home to councils?

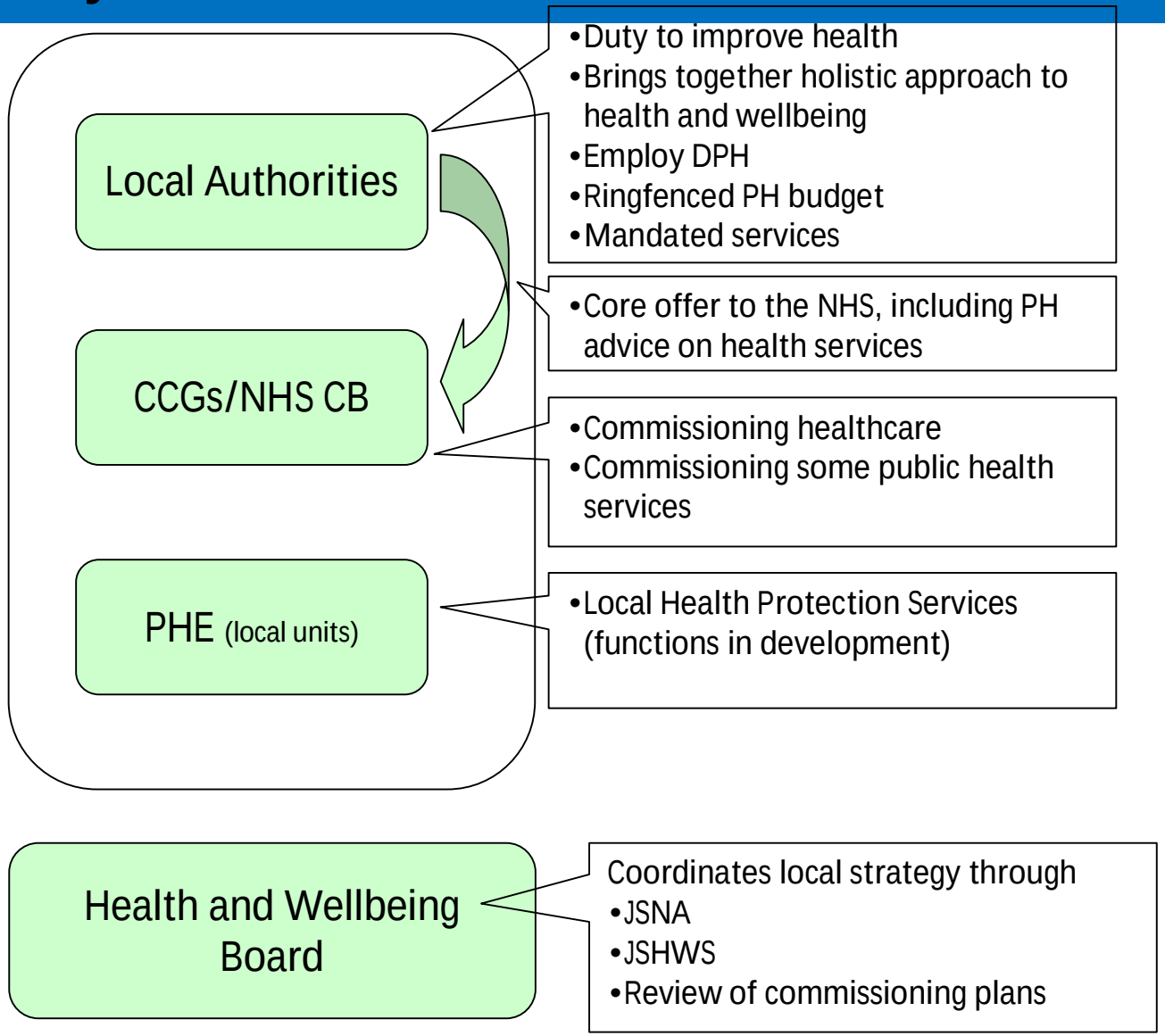
- Not the same public health!
- Not the same councils!
- Not the same public
- Not all parts of public health will return!
- Some parts never left!

Liam Hughes, National Adviser for Healthy Communities, Local Government Association, March 2011

Leadership role for local authorities – so services are shaped by local needs

- Drive knowledge and analysis of population **assets** and needs.
- Consider whole population outcomes and set goals.
- Inform all health and social care commissioning using preventive approach.
- Incorporate health and wellbeing across all local authority work – and across the locality.
- Use evidence and return on investment to inform decisions.
- Tackle health inequalities systematically focussed on **People, Place and Power.**

Roles in the new Public Health System: Local Delivery



Local authority commissioning responsibilities

- Tobacco control & smoking cessation
- Alcohol and drug misuse
- Services for children 5-19
- National Child Measurement Programme*
- Obesity and weight management
- Local nutrition services
- Increasing physical activity

- NHS Health Checks*
- Public mental health services
- Dental public health services
- Injury prevention
- Birth defect prevention
- Behavioural and lifestyle campaigns to prevent LTCs
- Local initiatives on workplace health

- Support and challenge of NHS services (imms and screening)
- Public health advice to NHS*
- Sexual health services*
- Seasonal mortality initiatives
- Local role in health protection incidents*
- Community safety
- Social exclusion

* Indicates mandated services

Duties as to improvement of public health in the Act

(1) each local authority must take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area.

(2) the secretary of state may take such steps as the secretary of state considers appropriate for improving the health of the people of England.

(3) the steps that may be taken under subsection (1) or (2) include—

(a) providing information and advice;

(b) providing services or facilities designed to promote healthy living (whether by helping individuals to address behaviour that is detrimental to health or in any other way);

(c) providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness;

(d) providing financial incentives to encourage individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles;

(e) providing assistance (including financial assistance) to help individuals to minimise any risks to health arising from their accommodation or environment;

(f) providing or participating in the provision of training for persons working or seeking to work in the field of health improvement;

(g) making available the services of any person or any facilities.

Context

- Some detail but not all
- Health and Wellbeing Boards
- Health and Wellbeing strategies
- Clinical commissioning Group(s)
- Its going to happen by 1st April 2013

Preparing local government for public health?

- Local government have been contributing to the health of the public health since the 19th Century
- This is a transfer over of some specialist staff and functions
- We are all learning how this might work
- In the meantime.....

We need to get on with it……

The Now and the Future

What was already in place

- Wider determinants of health- each LA different
- How these might be enhanced

Transition- stop, start, amend

- Relationships with or in the new organisations inc. governance
- Contracts, monies and commissioning of new services
- Role of Public health in the new system e.g. Health Protection