

New Development Tool for Health and Wellbeing Boards launched

1. As Board members are aware the Department of Health has commissioned from the LGA a Health and Wellbeing Board Leadership Development Offer. We have been working closely with other national organisations and representatives of health and wellbeing boards to co-produce a variety of products and events.
2. Health and wellbeing boards (HWB) across the country are in a phase of rapid development and discussions show there is an appetite for products that assist boards to assess their progress.
3. We have therefore created with our partners a new Development Tool for health and wellbeing boards. Copies have been sent to all HWB Chairs and Facilitators. Council Chief Executives are being informed via the weekly LGA Bulletin, and Department of Health colleagues are ensuring wide circulation amongst the broader health community, including all Clinical Commissioning Groups.
4. The aim is to help the partners on a health and wellbeing board to assess how effective it is in practice, and how that effectiveness is improving over a period of time.
5. Two design events with board representatives and health leadership partners provided guidance on 'what good will look like.' Seventeen key issues emerged and these are incorporated into the tool. For each issue the tool prompts consideration of future progress, challenging the board not only on its position now, but also in one and three years' time.
6. The tool promotes dialogue amongst the partners on the board about these key issues, to inspire them towards transformational outcomes for their community, and to help them identify what action they need to take. It is expected that boards will wish to use the tool as a stepping stone towards developing an improvement plan.
7. The development tool can be found online at http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/health/journal_content/56/10171/3638628/ARTICLE-TEMPLATE
8. We intend to keep the content of the tool under review to ensure it meets the future needs of boards; we would therefore welcome comments about how the tool might be further improved at healthy.admin@local.gov.uk

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