

Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health. Proposed public health responsibilities for local authorities – O&S 14th June Appendix 2

Ref.	Area	Local Authority area of responsibility
1	Health Protection Area	Local authorities will need to work closely with Public Health England Health Protection Units (HPUs) to provide health protection as directed by the Secretary of State for Health
2	Immunisation	Public Health England will be responsible but will fund its delivery through local authorities and the NHS Commissioning Board. Proposed that local authorities are responsible for commissioning immunisation programmes primarily delivered through schools – e.g. HPV and the teenage booster
3	Screening	None – Public Health England responsibility
4	Sexual Health	Proposed that local authorities will be responsible for commissioning comprehensive open-access sexual health services using funds from the ring-fenced public health budget. This includes commissioning and testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Local authorities will also be responsible for commissioning fully integrated termination of pregnancy services
5	Tobacco control, obesity, physical activity and nutrition	Responsibility for smoking cessation services and other local tobacco control activities will pass to local authorities. Proposed that this includes responsibility for commissioning or providing stop smoking services, prevention activities, enforcement and local communications. Obesity and physical activity programmes, including encouraging active travel, will also become the responsibility of local authorities. Local authorities will be responsible for running the National Child Measurement Programme at the local level (Public Health England to co-ordinate national level). Any local initiatives relating to nutrition will be commissioned or undertaken by local authorities. Proposed that local authorities should have responsibility for workplace health at a local level.
6	Alcohol and drug misuse	Local authorities will be responsible for commissioning treatment, harm reduction and prevention services for their local population.
7	NHS Health Check Programme	Proposed that local authorities should commission the NHS Health Check

		Programme.
8	Early presentation and diagnosis	Local authorities may choose to commission initiatives that promote early presentation and diagnosis (e.g. bowel cancer symptom campaign) if they wish to do so – although Public Health England are responsible for designing and funding initiatives to promote early presentation and diagnosis.
9	Reducing birth defects	Local authority responsibilities will be in the areas of nutrition, alcohol and smoking, and the wider determinants of health that contribute to birth defects and reducing birth defects.
10	Dental public health	Local authorities will lead on providing local dental public health advice to the NHS, as well as commissioning community oral health programmes. Consultations on proposals for new schemes will be conducted by local authorities.
11	Public Mental Health	Local authorities will take on responsibility for funding and commissioning mental well-being promotion, anti-stigma and discrimination and suicide and self-harm prevention public health activities – which could include local activities to raise public awareness, provide information, train key professionals, and deliver family and parenting initiatives etc.
12	Emergency preparedness and response	Responsibility of Public Health England. Most incidents will be managed locally, with the public health response being led by the Director of Public Health.
13	Public health information and intelligence	Public Health England will be responsible. Local authorities will require a core of information and evidence capacity to support Directors of Public Health – although large-scale analyses will be done at national level.
14	Children’s public health	Proposed that public health services for children under 5 will be a responsibility of Public Health England – in the longer term the expectation is that health visiting will be commissioned locally. Public health services for children aged 5-19, including public mental health for children, will be funded by the public health budget and commissioned by local authorities.

15	Community safety, violence prevention and social exclusion	Local authorities will be responsible for working in partnership to tackle issues such as social exclusion including intensive family interventions, social isolation amongst older people, community safety including road safety awareness and violent prevention and response. To use ring-fenced budget where it is decided it is appropriate.
16	Public health for those in prison or custody	None. Public Health England responsibility.