

# Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP)

## Health and wellbeing boards – Facilitated self-assessment



### Introduction

Health and wellbeing boards (HWB) have made many strides since their inception in 2012, and there is ambition for HWBs to be the driver and leader of place-based commissioning. Some have already begun to make use of the significant powers and freedoms to achieve the vision and ambition for place and people.

HWBs have to make an important impact for the benefit of their residents and some are beginning to make a real difference to outcomes. The scale and pace of progress, as well as the confidence in the readiness of boards to take on an enhanced role, is varied across the country.

The most effective HWBs lead a place-based approach to health and wellbeing. Only the HWB has an oversight of the entire local health and care system and the factors that impact locally on health and health inequalities. For the benefit of residents, it is imperative that senior leaders come together to develop this oversight: HWBs provide the forum to do so. Health and wellbeing boards need to take the opportunity for effective system leadership by innovating to improve health and can do this if they are prepared to be bold and use their powers.

# The self-assessment tool 2015/16

This refreshed self-assessment tool is part of our overall offer to HWBs and aims to support the rapid development of HWBs across the country towards effective system leadership and innovation and to step up to the challenge of an enhanced role. The tool is based on our latest research and the policy work taking place on the future role of HWBs.<sup>1</sup>

- vision, ambition and the role of the health and wellbeing board
- system leadership and partnership working
- ensuring delivery and impact
- communication and engagement
- integration and system redesign.

## Facilitated support

The refreshed self-assessment tool comes with the offer of a facilitator for a day to work through it with your HWB. The facilitated session can be tailored to reflect local needs and specific requirements. This means the method, approach and focus will be one that will help councils and their HWBs respond to local priorities and issues in their own way to greatest effect.

A scoping meeting, involving representatives from the LGA and the HWB is an essential feature to tailor the support to meet the HWB's specific needs.

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<sup>1</sup> We have based our programme, and the refreshed self-assessment tool on shared intelligence research: **Stick With It** [www.local.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-boards](http://www.local.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-boards) and **Making it better together – a call to action on the future of health and wellbeing boards** (a joint publication by the Local Government Association and NHS Clinical Commissioners)

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