

A Whole Council Approach to Health Policies

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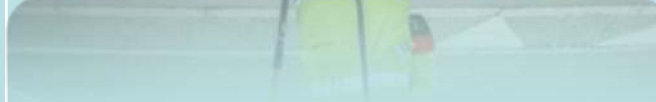
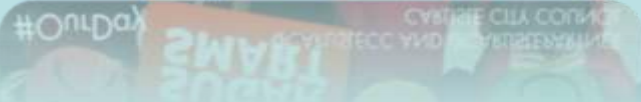
Local Government in a nutshell

- Responsible for over 900 services.
- Over 3,100 statutory duties
- 18,100 councillors in England
- 353 local councils in England
- Core spending power around £50billion
- Employ 1 million full time equivalent staff
- Cuts in core government funding £16bn 2010-20



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Relative contribution of the determinants of health

Health Behaviours 30%	Socio-economic Factors 40%	Clinical Care 20%	Built environment 10%
Smoking 10%	Education 10%	Access to Care 10%	Environmental Quality 5%
Diet/Exercise 10%	Employment 10%	Quality of care 10%	Built Environment 5%
Alcohol use 5%	Income 10%		
Poor sexual health 5%	Family/Social Support 5%		
	Community Safety 5%		

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Used in US to rank counties by health status

Loneliness

- Acute loneliness estimated to affect around 10-13 per cent of older people
- Loneliness can increase the risk of premature death by 30 per cent
- Lonely individuals are more likely to visit their GP, have higher use of medication, higher incidence of falls and increased risk factors for long term care

“A sad soul can kill you quicker, far quicker, than a germ”

John Steinbeck

Examples of HiAP

- **Kirklees Council** : Healthy People, Healthy Economy
 - **Medway Council**: Collaborative Working Agreements
 - **Derbyshire County Council**: Embedding Health Impact Assessments
 - **Swindon Council**: Working Across Health and Planning
 - **Newcastle City Council**: Wellbeing for Life Board
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Health and Wellbeing Boards

- HWBs are the only place based forum where clinical, political, professional and community leaders come together
 - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy
 - Formally constituted committee of the council with statutory membership from local authority members, directors, CCGs and Healthwatch
 - The legislation is permissive: HWBs can extend their membership, how they engage the public or work together outside formal meetings
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Difficulties implementing HiAP

- lack of institutional support
 - ineffective leadership
 - poorly planned or unclear objectives and responsibilities
 - hostile stakeholders
 - shifting political priorities
 - weak enforcement
 - limited resources and capacity
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What makes a difference?

- focus on people and place not services
 - committed leadership
 - ‘collaborative plumbing’
 - making the geography work
 - clear governance and accountability
 - early and ongoing engagement with the community
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a manual for local government



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