

## New start date and more funding announced for local HealthWatch bodies

Further details on the establishment of local HealthWatch bodies, including a new start date and extra funding, have been set out by Secretary of State Andrew Lansley.

Following feedback from local authorities and Local Involvement Networks, Councils now have until April 2013 to work with local health experts and volunteers to establish the local HealthWatch arrangements. These new arrangements are set to replace Local Involvement Networks and will be the local consumer champion for patients, service users and the public.

[Click here for further information](#)

## New public health system takes shape as more details published

More details on the design of the new public health system, including the role and responsibilities of local government in public health, the operating model for the new executive agency Public Health England and an overview of how the whole system will work have been published. Please find documents below:

[The new public health system summary factsheets](#)

[Public health in local government](#)

[Public Health England's operating model](#)

## Draft national CCG governance framework

Please see below a summary of the draft national Clinical Commissioning Group governance framework, Towards Establishment – Creating Responsive and Accountable CCGs.

[Click here to view the document](#)

## NHS and local government as partners in commissioning for health and wellbeing

A paper to clarify the role of local authorities as a key partner in health commissioning has been drawn up by the Department of Health with input from David Behan and Barbara Hakin.

[To view the document please click here](#)

## Events

### Change Seminars

A series of web seminars, starting on 13 January have been Organized by the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement. The seminars are aimed at senior NHS leaders and they are all designed to give a rapid overview of the key ideas that represent the latest thinking on leading large scale change.

[Timetable and summary of web seminars](#)

### Yorkshire & The Humber Hepatitis B & C Project Launch

29 March 2012, Leeds Town Hall

The free event is being held for senior commissioners, planners and providers of hepatitis B and C services.

[Click here for more information and to book a place](#)