

The Health and Social Care Policy Landscape – Opportunities and Risks for Adaptation

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Policy Environment Relevant to Climate Change

- **'Localism' and democratic accountability: local priority setting**
- **Re shaping of both health and social care - more responsive to patients needs via choice, personalisation, open information and contestability**
- **New system for NHS commissioning and how it will be integrated with social care (importance of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Health and Wellbeing Boards)**
- **Public Health system overhauled - Public Health England being established combined with a move of PH into local authorities**
- **Financial situation in short-run poor**
 - **NHS and QIPP**
 - **Across the public sector more generally**

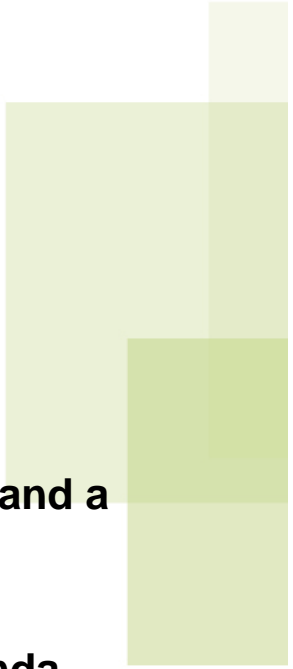
In London

- **GP consortia being established**
- **PCTs formed into clusters with significant redundancies driven by need to make management cost savings**
- **First Health and Wellbeing Boards being set up**
- **Some public health staff already moving into local authorities**
- **Proposal by London Boroughs and Mayor to establish a Health Improvement Board for London**

Transition Arrangements

- **Accountability for delivery in 2011/12 will continue to rest with SHAs and PCTs.**
- **In addition, SHAs will be responsible for the overall transition process in their regions during 2011/12 with co-ordination and leadership for public health from DH.**
- **As part of this, Regional Directors of Public Health (RDsPH) will lead the transition for the public health system at the regional and local level.**

Opportunities and Risks

- **Director of Public Health in each borough adding leadership and support**
 - **Freedom to innovate and set local objectives**
 - **Local politicians and communities more able to set priorities**
 - **Health and Wellbeing Boards offer strategic oversight and direction setting with strengthening of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments**
 - **Spotlight on resource use across public sector both an opportunity and a threat. Timescales very short for savings needed.**
 - **Questions regarding the knowledge and commitment of GPs to agenda**
 - **Disruption to the health and social care system during transition**
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