

## ANNEX 1

### Local authorities' new public health responsibilities

Local authorities will be responsible for commissioning or providing 20 new public health functions, of which six are mandatory requirements, outlined below. Outcomes will be measured through the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

#### Mandatory responsibilities

<b>Mandatory Responsibility</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current delivery</b>
Commissioning appropriate access to sexual health services	The local authority will be responsible for commissioning sexual health promotion and sexual health services. This includes testing and treating sexually transmitted infections, which are nationally increasing. The budget for this area is to be confirmed but will be more than £5 million.	GPs and Pharmacy (enhanced contraception provision), Community providers (testing and treating sexually transmitted infections, Chlamydia screening, sexual health promotion), Acute (hospital trusts) in Surrey and outside the county (testing and treating sexually transmitted infections in genito-urinary medicine clinics).
Commissioning the NHS Health Check programme	The local authority will be responsible for commissioning the Surrey NHS Health Checks Programme. The NHS Health Checks Programme is a national programme for people aged 40 to 74. It provides a risk assessment for heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes or kidney disease. The budget for this area is to be confirmed but is expected to be around £1.8 million.	HealthSmart, in partnership with NHS Surrey. The programme is being expanded so that delivery is also through GPs.
Commissioning the Healthy Child Programme 5-19 years.	The local authority will be responsible for this programme which aims to provide universal and progressive services for children and young people to promote optimal health and wellbeing.	Community providers (incorporates screening and vaccination programmes carried out in schools as well as wider activities.)
Commissioning the National Child Measurement Programme	As part of a broader responsibility to provide obesity and community nutrition initiatives, the local authority will be responsible for local commissioning of the national child measurement programme. This programme measures all children in school	Community providers (role out through school nurses).

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	in reception or year 6.	
Ensuring, through a duty of the Director of Public Health, that plans are in place to protect the population's health	The Director of Public Health will work with NHS (CCGs, NCB, health service providers) and other partners to provide assurance to the Secretary of State that plans are in place to protect the population's health.	The Director of Public Health works with the Health Protection Agency, health services and other partners (for example, environmental health officers).
Ensuring NHS commissioners receive the public health advice they need. This includes Clinical Commissioning Groups, Commissioning Support Services and the NHS Commissioning Board.	The public health team will work closely with NHS partners to provide public health advice on population health commissioning. Agreements are being made with CCGs to define this support. This could take up a large proportion of a team's capacity.	The public health team work closely with NHS colleagues to provide public health advice on population health commissioning.

**Commissioning the services below will be discretionary and guided by local needs:**

Tobacco control  
Alcohol and drug misuse services  
Obesity and community nutrition initiatives  
Increasing levels of physical activity in the local population  
Public mental health services  
Supporting, reviewing and challenging delivery of key public health funded and NHS delivered services such as immunisation programmes  
Accidental injury prevention  
Behavioural and lifestyle campaigns to prevent cancer and long term conditions  
Local initiatives to reduce excess deaths as a result of seasonal mortality  
Local initiatives on workplace health  
Local initiatives to tackle social exclusion  
Promotion of community safety, violence prevention and response  
Population level interventions to reduce and prevent birth defects  
Dental public health services

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