



NHS Reforms – Opportunities and Challenges



Key Roles for Local Government

Local government has some big roles and responsibilities:

- Convening the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Developing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Promoting joined-up commissioning – NHS services/social care/health improvement
- Supporting local voice and exercise of patient choice
- Public health – in tandem with Public Health England

Health and Wellbeing Boards - Opportunities

- Bring partners together
- Promote joined-up commissioning – NHS services/social care/health improvement
- Democratic accountability through LA leadership
- Experience of early implementers available to draw on



Health and Wellbeing Boards - Challenges

- Lack of coterminosity with GP consortia
- Ensuring real engagement with GP consortia and other partners
- Building working relationships and overcoming cultural differences



Public Health - Opportunities

- Public health returns to its 'natural home'
- Chance to join up with other LA services impacting on public health
- Chance to address the social determinants of health
- Statutory role of DPH key to making it happen



Public Health - Challenges

- Resources – still unclear
- Health premium – also unclear, possible adverse impact
- Relationship with Public Health England
- Dual accountability of DPH
- Need for 'shove' as well as 'nudge'



Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Opportunities

- Promote integration across NHS services, social care and health improvement

Challenges

- Secure genuine buy-in across all partners
- Consider areas for possible cross-boundary working?



GP Commissioning

Opportunities

- Closer match of services to patients' needs
- With integration via JSNA and HWB strategy

Challenges

- At the moment, GP consortia simply required to 'have regard to' JSNA
- Verifying that commissioned services are meeting local needs

Public Involvement

Opportunities

- LA lead in securing effective local Health Watch
- Direct link to Health Watch England and Care Quality Commission

Challenges

- Will the new mechanisms be effective?



Resources

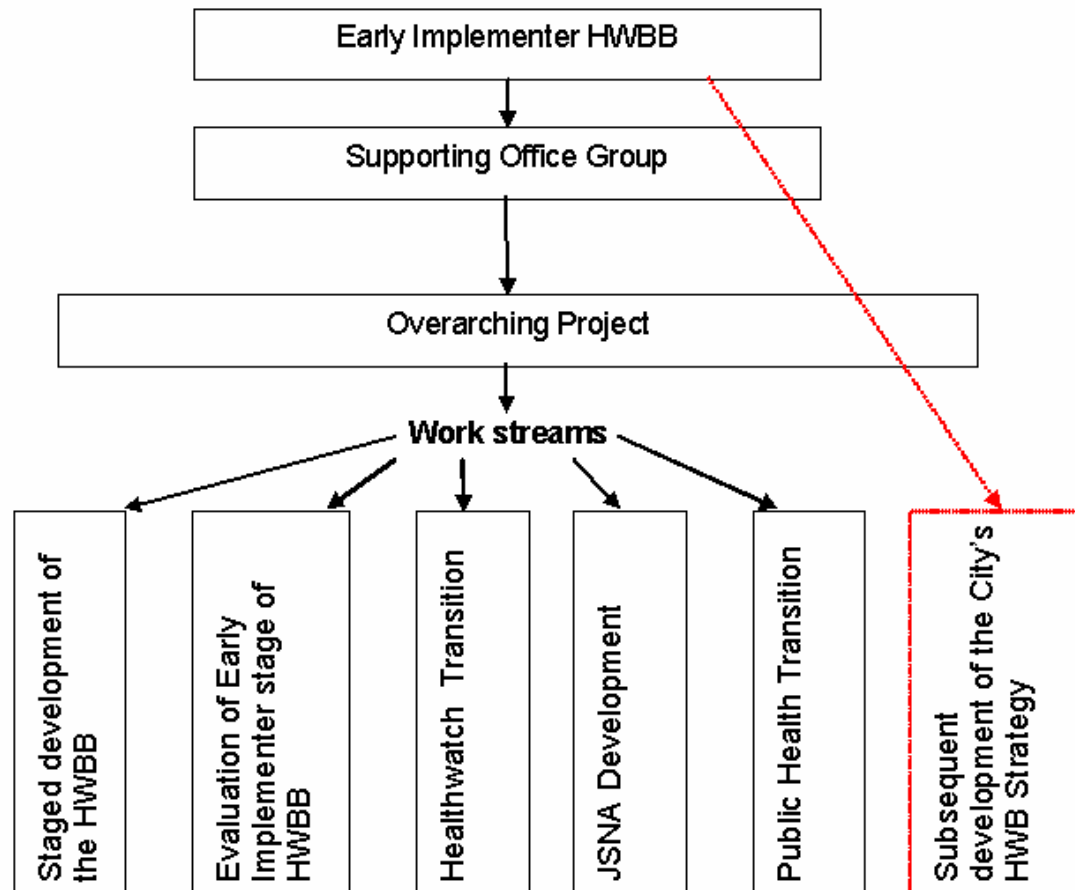
Opportunities

- Ring-fenced allocation for public health
- Can bring in resources from other parts of the Council's budget

Challenges

- Background of budget reductions in NHS and local government
- Doing more with less

Liberating the NHS – Project considerations for HHAS



Future work stream

