

Health and Wellbeing Boards

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“Health and wellbeing boards are a formal committee of the local authority charged with promoting greater integration and partnership between bodies from the NHS, public health and local government. They have a statutory duty, with clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), to produce a joint strategic needs assessment and a joint health and wellbeing strategy for their local population.

The boards have very limited formal powers. They are constituted as a partnership forum rather than an executive decision-making body.

In most cases, health and wellbeing boards are chaired by a senior local authority elected member. The board must include a representative of each relevant CCG and local Healthwatch, as well as local authority representatives. The local authority has considerable discretion in appointing additional board members. Most have chosen not to invite providers to become formal members, though many engage with providers in other ways.” King’s Fund – for more information click [here](#).

London's Health and Wellbeing Boards

“All 32 London boroughs and the City of London have their own Health and Wellbeing Board. You can find out more about each Board - including who sits on it and what their priorities are - through this [interactive map](#).”

“We [London Councils] believe that health and wellbeing boards are the cornerstone for planning for and securing effective transformation of health and care services to improve outcomes and drive efficiency in a time of increasing financial pressures on both the NHS and local government.

We are therefore working with boroughs and other partners to strengthen health and wellbeing boards through making them truly effective system leaders and giving them greater powers.

In July 2015, London Councils' Leaders' Committee agreed a common commitment to strengthen all London's Health and Wellbeing Boards ([read the Committee paper](#)).

We will help London's Boards to realise this aspiration through:

- helping them access appropriately tailored support;
- running a London Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs Network and also a Lead Officers' Network; and
- developing policy and lobbying work to strengthen the roles and functions of the Boards (eg our [Better Care Fund 7 Point Plan](#) in July 2015).

How to engage with Health and Wellbeing Boards:

For a five-step practical plan on how to engage and influence health and wellbeing boards from ‘Know How Non Profit’ click [here](#).