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Dear colleague,

Creation of the new local public health system: Transition planning for Local Authorities and Primary Care Trusts

On Friday 13th January, you will have received a copy of the [Local Government Transition Guidance on Public Health Workforce Matters](#). This is a document developed by the LGA, working with Local Authorities, Department of Health, NHS Employers and trade unions. It sets out the main issues in dealing with the essential workforce transition and the options available to councils.

As part of a commitment to help the process of local decision-making around the public health transition, the Department of Health and Local Government Association are also publishing the [Transition planning for Local Authorities and Primary Care Trusts](#), which has been co-produced with the NHS and Local Government. It aims to support Primary Care Trusts and Local Authorities as they develop transition plans for the transformation of the local Public Health system, including how transfer of accountability from the NHS to Local Government will be enacted during the transition year. Both these publications are also being sent to PCTs.

Healthy Lives Healthy People our strategy for public health in England, sets out the government's vision for a new public health system for the improvement and protection of the public's health. Primary Care Trusts with Local Government have a shared role in developing the new local public health system beginning with Primary Care Trust Cluster planning processes. Local Authorities will now want to agree arrangements for managing public health functions during the transition year 2012/13.

We hope that this publication will be helpful to the many Local Authorities who are already progressing their plans for the transformation of the local public health system, as well as assisting Primary Care Trust Clusters to fulfill the requirement to produce public health transition plans, as part of the integrated plan, as set out in the NHS planning guidance for 2012/13.

Yours sincerely



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Link to documents:

[Transition planning for Local Authorities and Primary Care Trusts](http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/01/transition-planning/)

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