

Healthy Lives, Healthy People

What you said about our plans to help people keep healthy and what we are going to do

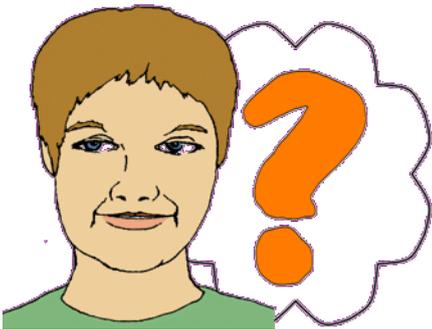


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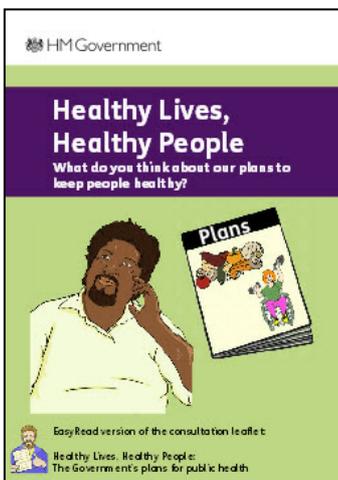
About us



We are a part of government called the Department of Health. It is our job to help people keep healthy.



In Spring 2011 we asked people for their views on our plans to help people keep healthy.



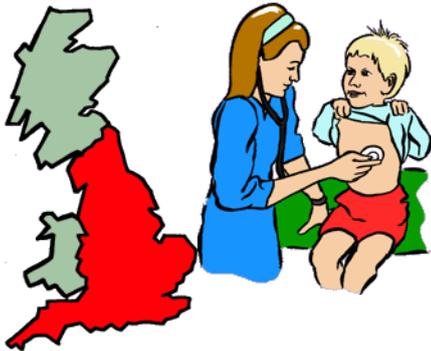
This plan was called Healthy Lives, Healthy People.



We made this plan because some people in England are not as healthy as we would like them to be.



In our plan we said that councils would take on a new job in helping to keep people healthy. Lots of people said that they liked this idea.



We also said that there would be a new organisation, called Public Health England, to do the jobs that need doing at a national level to help people stay healthy.



A number of organisations that work to make sure people do not get ill will be part of Public Health England, for example, the Health Protection Agency.



We now want to make sure that this happens.



We want to make sure that everyone keeps working on our plans to help people keep healthy.

Your views on our plans



We asked people their views of our plans. Over 2100 people told us their views. This is good because it will help us get our plans right.



Most people said our plans were a good idea.

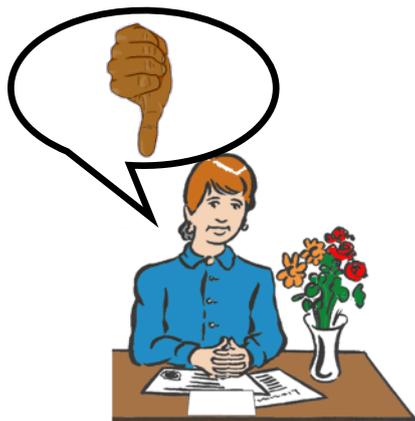


But some people said they were not happy about some of our ideas.

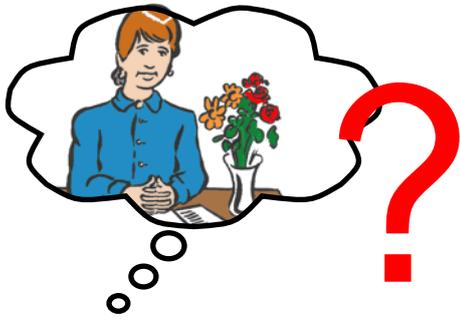
Some people said:



- people who work to make sure people stay healthy should still be able to say what they think when they are part of Public Health England



- Directors of Public Health should be able to speak up about the health of their local people even if they do not agree with us



- they did not always know what the Director of Public Health's job would be



- they thought that our plans might split things up making it hard for people to work together to keep people healthy.

Some people asked:



- what would happen to the jobs of people who work to help people stay healthy



- who would help if there was a big emergency like flu and how would they help



- how much money councils would get to help people stay healthy.

Our plans



In Summer 2011 the government heard more of people's views about changes in health and healthcare.

We have now heard lots of views and this is what we say.

Councils



Councils can help people stay healthy. They will be good at this because they already do things that make people healthier, like housing, transport or education.



We will give money to councils to help people to stay healthy.

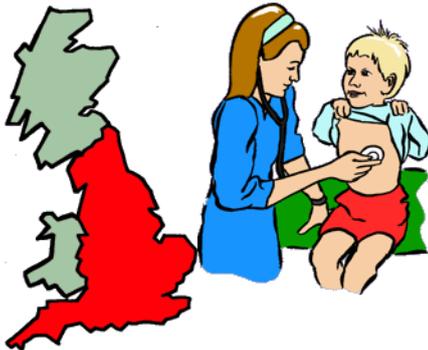
Councils can only spend this money on helping people stay healthy.



The Director of Public Health at the council will do this.



Councils and people who work helping people keep healthy can start working on plans now.



Public Health England

A new service called Public Health England will work with councils to help people stay healthy.

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It will:

- start to do its work in April 2013



- be able to say things in public about the best way to make sure people stay healthy



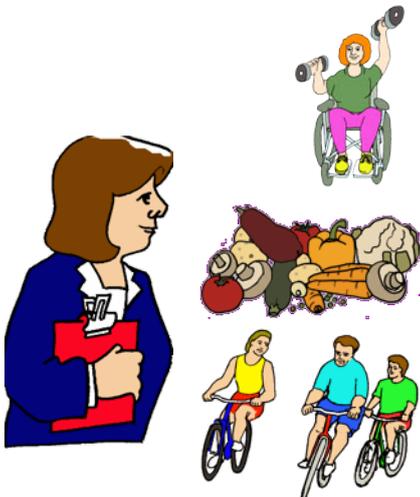
- help councils and others if there are big emergencies in health like flu



- be made up of lots of people who know lots of things about making sure people stay healthy.

What we will do

We will:



- look at lots of ways of helping people keep healthy



- work with councils and people who work helping people keep healthy to make sure our plans are right, and to make sure everyone knows what they are doing.

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