

Summary of actions



- Local authorities will wish to understand local requirements for health intelligence.
- Local authorities, along with clinical commissioning groups and commissioning support units as appropriate, will wish to agree a resource and business model for health intelligence.
- Local authorities will wish to understand national partners' roles and responsibilities, especially as firmer plans emerge over the rest of 2012/13.
- Public health teams will need to apply for Athens accounts.
- Public Health England, NICE, ONS and HSCIC will need to keep local authorities and public health teams informed as plans emerge for 2013/14.
- Local authorities will need to alert any unmet requirements for data and information to Public Health England and to consider how best they can be met either nationally or locally.
- Local authorities will wish to understand clinical commissioning group requirements for public health advice and the health intelligence functions needed for this.
- Local authorities will wish to develop memoranda of understanding with clinical commissioning groups to establish arrangements for the advice service to clinical commissioning groups including for necessary data and intelligence support.
- Local authorities will wish to engage with clinical commissioning groups and commissioning support units, forming agreements as appropriate, on health intelligence staff access to data, funded by the clinical commissioning group as part of the public health advice service.
- Local authorities will wish to understand whether and what need there is for access to confidential data by health intelligence teams for defined purposes.
- The Public Health England Transition Team is working with the Association of Directors of Public Health to develop a list of examples in which directors of public health may need access to confidential data.
- Public Health England will work with partners including the HSCIC during 2012/13 to develop a national checklist for information governance arrangements at the local level, which local teams may use to inform local agreements.
- For confidential data access, local authorities will need to meet the Information Governance Toolkit level 2 in having a safe haven architecture.
- Local authorities will wish to consider how to connect to N3 and to establish NHSmail accounts for all local authority staff engaged in public health commissioning (which may be broadened to social care in time).