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To:

Local authority Chief Executives and Directors of Public Health
NHS England Regional and Area Team Directors and Strategic Clinical Network
Associate Directors

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PHE Regional, Centre & KIT Directors

Dear colleague

Knowledge & Intelligence: Public Health England's Local Contribution

We have had a number of questions from local government and local NHS partners about the intelligence services that Public Health England (PHE) is developing to support the local public health system. Accurate, meaningful information and intelligence is essential in providing a focus on place and in enabling all partners to carry out their responsibilities effectively. This includes having access to robust evidence and information to support local health surveillance, needs assessment, benchmarking quality, comparing outcomes, developing plans and evaluating impact.

We want to update you on this work and to set out how we want PHE's local teams to be responsive to your needs.

A major part of the role of PHE is to support local government and NHS partners by providing specialist expertise and advice, including public health intelligence support and access to relevant resources. The attached document describes the knowledge and intelligence support that PHE will provide to local government and NHS partners. It also provides information on how this support will be provided and how to access it. This support should be seen as an integral part of the wider expert public health advice and support that PHE will offer to local partners to help protect and improve the health of local people through PHE Centres.

We are keen that PHE's knowledge and intelligence support to local partners should meet the needs of local government and the local NHS and that it should evolve as those needs change and as we develop our relationships. Your local PHE Knowledge & Intelligence Team (KIT) and Centre Directors will therefore work

together and continue to liaise with you and your colleagues so that the support provided locally is as effective as possible.

We would encourage you to contact your local PHE KIT and Centre Director directly to discuss further how PHE may best help you in addressing your local knowledge and intelligence needs.

Yours faithfully



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