

Policy and Practice Briefing

**“Laying The Foundations for Healthier Places:
The Emerging Nature of Health and Wellbeing Boards”**

- Tuesday, 17th April 2012 -

10.15 *Registration and Morning Refreshments*

11.00 **Chair’s Introduction**

11.05 **Morning Session: The Policy Horizon**

- Where do Health and Wellbeing Boards fit in to the new public health framework?
- What is their specific role, who will sit on them and what are the timescales involved?
- Will the new arrangements help provide collective leadership and enable shared decision-making and ownership of decisions?
- Will they make it easier for commissioners to identify key priorities and develop plans for how best to use their resources?
- Will they improve outcomes surrounding health inequalities?
- Will they give decisions democratic legitimacy and encourage greater local engagement?
- How will arrangements work in two-tier areas?

- **John Wilderspin**; National Director, Health and Wellbeing Board Implementation, Department of Health
- **Susan Biddle**; Healthy Communities Consultant

13.15 *Networking Lunch*

14.00 **Afternoon Session: Policy Into Practice**

- What can be learned from experiences so far of ‘early implementer’ shadow boards?
- What more should those involved be doing to prepare?
- How will different areas manage the new structures?

- **Judith Hendley**; Head of Health and Adult Services, London Councils

15.25 **Chair’s Summary**

15.30 **Event Close**

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