

Public Health System Reforms – Relocation of Public Health Functions

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1. Background

- On 1st October 2021 Public Health England transferred all its health protection and health improvement functions into two new entities.
- The UK Health Security Agency.
- The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities

The UK Health Security Agency

- Responsible for planning for, responding to and preventing *external* health threats.
- Immediate priority COVID-19.
- Integral part of our health system and *national security infrastructure*.
- Tackling “stark inequalities” is a “key part” of UKHSA’s mission.
- Essentially all of PHE’s health protection functions are now located here

The Office for Health Improvements and Disparities

- Intended to tackle health disparities across the UK.
- Focused on preventing “debilitating” health conditions.
- Developing strategies appear be looking almost exclusively at “wider determinants of health”.
- Essentially all of PHE health promotion and prevention functions are now located here.

DoHASC summary of immediate changes

Realignment of core public health functions and teams in London

Public Health England's Regional workforce will be redistributed to a range of receiver organisations.

The core PH functions to be delivered are highlighted here.

UKHSA

- Regional Health Protection team
- Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Recovery
- Regional Communications
- FES
- JBC & contain

DHSC (OHID)

- Regional Directors' Team
- Statutory health advisor to GLA
- Regional Operations
- Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and inclusion health
- Health Equity and Strategy
- Health Improvement including Healthcare, Wellbeing and Workforce
- Regional Business Support
- LKIS

NHS England

- Screening & Immunisations
- Specialised Commissioning
- Health & Justice
- Dental Health

Joined up response to COVID and recovery