

# So you want to know about.... Health and Wellbeing boards



## The big ideas

- ✓ Get rid of the barriers between the NHS and Local Authorities
- ✓ Give local people and communities a bigger say in the services that are needed to support local citizens



## What you need to know

- The idea for Health and Wellbeing Boards was in the Health and Social Care Bill (January 2011)
- Boards will bring together people who plan and commission (buy) services from health and social care, children's services, councillors and representatives from HealthWatch
- Their job will be to work together to plan really good services and support for local people
- They will need to look at people's health and social care needs together - not just as separate services. They also need to look at the big picture - things like transport, housing and leisure so that services help people stay healthy and independent
- There will be £1 million to support the development of Health and Wellbeing Boards. This money will help Boards learn from each other about how to work better together

- 132 Local Authorities around the country are trying out Health and Wellbeing boards. All Local Authorities should have 'shadow boards' up and running by April 2012. All Health and Wellbeing Boards should be in place by April 2013



Local Authority early implementers of health and wellbeing boards in Yorkshire and the Humber:

North Yorkshire  
York  
East Riding  
Hull  
NE Lincs  
Doncaster

Barnsley  
Wakefield  
Leeds  
Bradford  
Calderdale  
Sheffield



**More information?**



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