



Healthy Places

The Healthy Places programme was set up in 2013 in recognition of the fact that where we live (and the homes we live in) has a big impact on our health and wellbeing. The programme has been designed to support the development of healthy places and homes with the aim of ensuring that health inequalities are considered and addressed when planning, developing and improving the built environment and in enabling people to have a place they can call 'home'. The programme works in partnership with local and national partners on a wide range of activities and is a hub for Public Health England's (PHE) activities on 'place'. Shown below are the programme's achievements to date.

1. Providing systems leadership and advocacy

PHE is providing system leadership and high-level engagement with other government departments and national stakeholder organisations.

Cross-departmental

- DCLG Planning Sounding Board, DH, Defra, DECC, DfT, BIS

Collaborations

- NICE, NHS England
- National Parks England
- Greater London Authority
- 'Improving health through the home' memorandum partnership (2016)
- Homelessness and inclusion health round table partnership

Within PHE

- Internal specialist advice and peer support

2. Building skills and capacity

Build skills and capacity and give confidence to local teams by providing a set of tools, training and learning events.

Webinars

- Planning, housing, transport, heatwaves

Events and conferences

- Housing Development Health workshops series with PHE Centres and Local Authorities (2016/17)
- PHE annual conference (2016)
- LGA: public health and childhood obesity conference (2016)
- Annual LGA/ADPH conference (2016)
- PHE and King's Fund: [bringing together public health and housing \(2015\)](#)
- ESRC: reuniting health and planning seminar series 2015-16
- London First: a healthy dose of planning business event (2015)
- TCPA: planning healthy weight environments workshop series (2015)
- Building a healthy future conference HPHP launch (2013)

3. Building networks and partnerships

PHE maintains a strong communication network with partners from a wide range of national and local stakeholders, including collaborating with PHE Centres and local PH teams.

Awareness updates

- Monthly evidence update

Stakeholder communications

- HPHP stakeholder reference group
- Knowledge hub www.khub.net/web/healthypeoplehealthyplaces
- Email newsletter (forthcoming)
- Email updates to stakeholders (occasional)

4. Developing and accessing evidence

PHE supports the development of, and access to, the evidence base for PHE and local teams by working at the interface between academia, policy and practitioners, including harnessing opportunities for co-production of publications, workshops and other initiatives.

Policy submissions

- DCLG: [planning practice guidance health and wellbeing \(2014\)](#)
- [House of Lords Select Committee on the built environment health evidence review \(2015\)](#)
- LGA: submission to the [LGA Housing Commission \(2016\)](#)

PHE published briefings and/or co-produced/commissioned publications

Planning and the built environment

- UWE: healthy places causal links tool (forthcoming 2017)
- [Town and Country Planning Association \(TCPA\) Journal: Healthy Planning – Securing Outcomes from United Action \(2017\)](#)

- LGA and TCPA: **building the foundations – tackling obesity through planning and development** (2016)
- Sport England: **active design** (2015)
- TCPA: **planning healthy weight environments guide** (2014)
- Town & Country Planning: **reuniting health with planning journal** (2014)
- TCPA: **planning healthier places report** (2013)
- PHE: **regulating the growth of fast food takeaways** (2013)
- PHE: **increasing physical activity and active travel** (2013)

Housing and homelessness

- PHE collection of housing resources '**Housing for Health**'(2017)
- Homelessness: **applying All Our Health** (2016)
- Care & Repair England, **Better Care Fund briefing** (2016)
- Faculty for Homelessness and Inclusion Health, **e-learning resources** (2016)
- Homeless Link: **housing and TB resource** (2016)
- Housing LIN **Dementia and housing: An assessment tool for local commissioning** (2016)
- Housing LIN. **Older people and alcohol misuse: Helping people stay in their homes** (2016)
- Housing LIN, **End of Life Care: Helping people to be cared for and die at home** (2016)
- Housing LIN, **Active Ageing and the Built Environment** (2016)
- HACT, **Standards for evidence generation** (2016)
- Homeless Link, **Preventing homelessness to improve health and wellbeing** (2015)
- Homeless Link, **Homeless health needs audit tool** (2015)
- CIEH, **Housing and Health Resource** (2015)
- Care & Repair England, **Home Adaptations, Integration and the Care Act** (2015)
- Care & Repair England, **Disabled Facilities Grant Funding via Better Care Funds** (2015)
- BRE, **Homes and ageing in England** (2015)
- Sitra, **Public Health: Housing Workforce Holds the Key** (2015)
- IHE, **Fuel Poverty and cold home-related health problems** (2014)
- '**Improving health through the home**': a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support joint action (2014)

Natural environment

- IHE: **improving access to green spaces** (2014)

Active travel and transport

- PHE: **working together to promote active travel – a briefing for local authorities** (2016)

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