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# The National Mental Health Intelligence Network (NMHIN)

*Putting data and informatics into the hands of decision makers to provide the intelligence needed to improve mental health and well-being across England*



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**Public Health England (PHE) is the expert national public health agency which fulfils the Secretary of State for Health's statutory duty to protect health and address inequalities, and executes his power to promote the health and wellbeing of the nation.**

*'We want to be known for encouraging evidence-led action with scale and pace to make a significant and sustainable improvement to the public's health'*



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# Our Priorities 2013/14

1. Helping people to live longer and more healthy lives by reducing preventable deaths and the burden of ill health associated with smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, poor diet, poor mental health, insufficient exercise, and alcohol
2. Reducing the burden of disease and disability in life by focusing on preventing and recovering from the conditions with the greatest impact, including dementia, anxiety, depression and drug dependency
3. Protecting the country from infectious diseases and environmental hazards, including the growing problem of infections that resist treatment with antibiotics
4. Supporting families to give children and young people the best start in life, through working with health visiting and school nursing, family nurse partnerships and the Troubled Families programme
5. Improving health in the workplace by encouraging employers to support their staff, and those moving into and out of the workforce, to lead healthier lives
6. Promote the development of place-based public health systems
7. Develop our own capacity and capability to provide professional, scientific and delivery expertise to our partners



# Intelligence Network Priorities (CKO)

- Develop & maintain the National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN)
- Establish 4 new Strategic Clinical Intelligence Networks:
  - Mental Health & wellbeing
  - Children & Maternity
  - Vascular
  - End of Life
- Learn from previous experience and the evidence base about different model intelligence network approaches
- Develop strategic focus and priorities for PHE & NHS England with partners
- Build on existing expertise and capacity within PHE sender bodies and other related stakeholders to promote stability, continuity, and improvement



# Mental Health Policy context

- Public Health England Outcomes Framework
- NHS Outcomes framework
- NHSE Mandate (with particular reference to the commitment to giving mental health equal importance with physical health)
- Department of Health *No Health Without Mental Health* Implementation Framework (with particular reference to the Mental health Dashboard)
- NHSE Mental Health Informatics Plan & Quality Surveillance

*Key issue:* Absence of robust national information & intelligence spanning the range of mental health and wellbeing indicators across the system



# The Vision for MH Intelligence Network

*‘Putting mental health and well-being intelligence into the public domain to enable local decision-makers to improve mental health and wellbeing across England’*

- By developing high quality, shared data and informatics and promoting its understanding and application across partner organisations
- Providing core intelligence desired/ needed by a wide range of people and partner organisations (end users; health, public health and social care system; mental health and well-being system)
- Embedding new innovations piloted in mental health informatics (e.g. use of routine data sets to scope impact)



# Key principles

- NMHIN will be a single shared 'intelligence' network of PHE & NHSE enabling:
  - NHSE Commissioners (CCGs), SCNs & Clinical Senates
  - PHE Regions, Centres and K&I teams
- NMHIN will also work in partnership with other key stakeholder organisations:
  - DH, H&SCIC, NICE, Monitor, CQC, NHS Benchmarking Clubs, RCPsyc Quality Observatory & Peer Accreditation Improvement Networks, HQUIP National Audits, National Voluntary Sector Agencies and Private Sector Partners
- It will draw together the resources, skills and talents available from a full range of partner agencies, including the voluntary and private sector
- The NMHIN will be based on the successful model of the National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN)



# Scope

- Population mental health and wellbeing, inc need and community assets
- Services data across the pathway from primary care, social care, specialist services (access, quality, outcomes, spend)
- Quality indicators
- Variations in outcomes
- Recovery data and metrics

The NMHIN will aim to assemble, collate and rationalise existing data sets, undertake gap analyses and draw in new data sources as appropriate





# Timelines

- Commence stakeholder discussions and scope the work programme (Summer 2013)
- PHE/NHS England commitment to establish a Network announced (September 2013)
- Network and work programme commence (autumn 2013)
- Formal launch (early 2014/15)