

# Health and Wellbeing Boards: Working Together

## The Implications of the Health and Social Care Bill 2011

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# Health and Wellbeing Boards – The Vision

## A new way of working together?

- ▶ Collective leadership leading to integrated services that better meet individual and community needs
- ▶ Connect NHS and local government activity with all public sector spending to improve the health and wellbeing of local populations
- ▶ Practical collaboration between Councils, the NHS and communities, users and the public
- ▶ Greater democratic legitimacy and accountability to local people
- ▶ Potential for health and wellbeing boards to transform services and outcomes



# Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) – Function

## What the Bill does?

- ▶ Sets up the boards as Committees of local authorities (upper tier)
- ▶ Establishes a core membership, with flexibility to expand locally
- ▶ Puts mutual obligations on councils and NHS commissioners to undertake Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and joint health and wellbeing strategies (JHWS) undertaken in partnership
- ▶ Sets expectation that HWBs are involved throughout the NHS commissioning process, so commissioning plans are in line with the JHWS
- ▶ Promotes joint commissioning and integrated provision
- ▶ Gives HWB a role in annual assessment of clinical commissioning groups (also a non-statutory role in their initial authorisation)
- ▶ Sets a duty for HWB to involve users and the public in JSNA and JHWS
- ▶ Keeps scrutiny functions separate from HWBs
  
- ▶ **Leading to collective local leadership and partnership to ensure integrated care for individuals.**



# National Update – The ‘Early Implementers’

## A Community of the willing?

- ▶▶ ‘Early Implementers; 136 expressions of interest out of a total of 152 upper tier authorities
- ▶▶ Strong emphasis on “co-production”
- ▶▶ Minimal central guidance – strong dissemination of local learning
- ▶▶ National Learning Sets launched – 15<sup>th</sup> November
- ▶▶ Inclusive of local government, CCGs, Healthwatch, Public Health, voluntary sector and whoever you need (providers?)



# National Update – Early Learning

## What are the aspirations of the Board?

- ▶▶ Boards have to make a difference – “no room for business as usual”
- ▶▶ Focus on the big priorities; not the catch all for every problem
- ▶▶ Have a clear sense of purpose and foster good relationships – “why are we here”
- ▶▶ Effective public engagement is crucial – “hard choices will need to be made”
- ▶▶ Boards need to improve outcomes not just services
- ▶▶ The Board agenda needs to cover children and young people, not just adults
- ▶▶ The need to fit with local structures – Who is more important?



# Local HealthWatch

## Functions

- ▶▶ Representing the 'Collective Voice' on Health and Wellbeing Board
- ▶▶ Scrutinising Quality of Service Provision
- ▶▶ Informing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- ▶▶ Informing the Commissioning decision making processes
- ▶▶ Signposting – Supporting People to Access Information about Choices
- ▶▶ Providing local evidence based information to inform strategic decision making



# Regional Update – Supporting Early Implementers

## What is the Transition Alliance North West (NW)?

A short term Transition Alliance has been established in the NW to support the development and implementation of the health reforms by offering leadership and practical support for effective transition across Health and social Care Reform throughout 2011/12. The aim is to ensure alignment across the Public Health, NHS and social care agenda and link together the separate strands of transition across the NW. This work has the support of NHS NW, Local Government and the NW Employers Organisation. Work comprises 5 key work streams:

- HWB and commissioning development
- Delivering the new system for the health of the public
- Leadership and workforce development
- Personalisation
- ‘Holding the ring’ – maintaining quality and safety during transition



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## What are we doing to support NW boards?

Offering support in the following areas;

- ▶ Governance arrangements and connecting to existing structures
- ▶ Mapping North West progress – HWBB Matrix
- ▶ Developing an effective Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- ▶ Developing effective procurement and use of intelligence through the JSNA
- ▶ Linking the CCG role to HWBs
- ▶ Developing the role of Health Watch
- ▶ Ensuring that children and young people's issues are effectively embedded



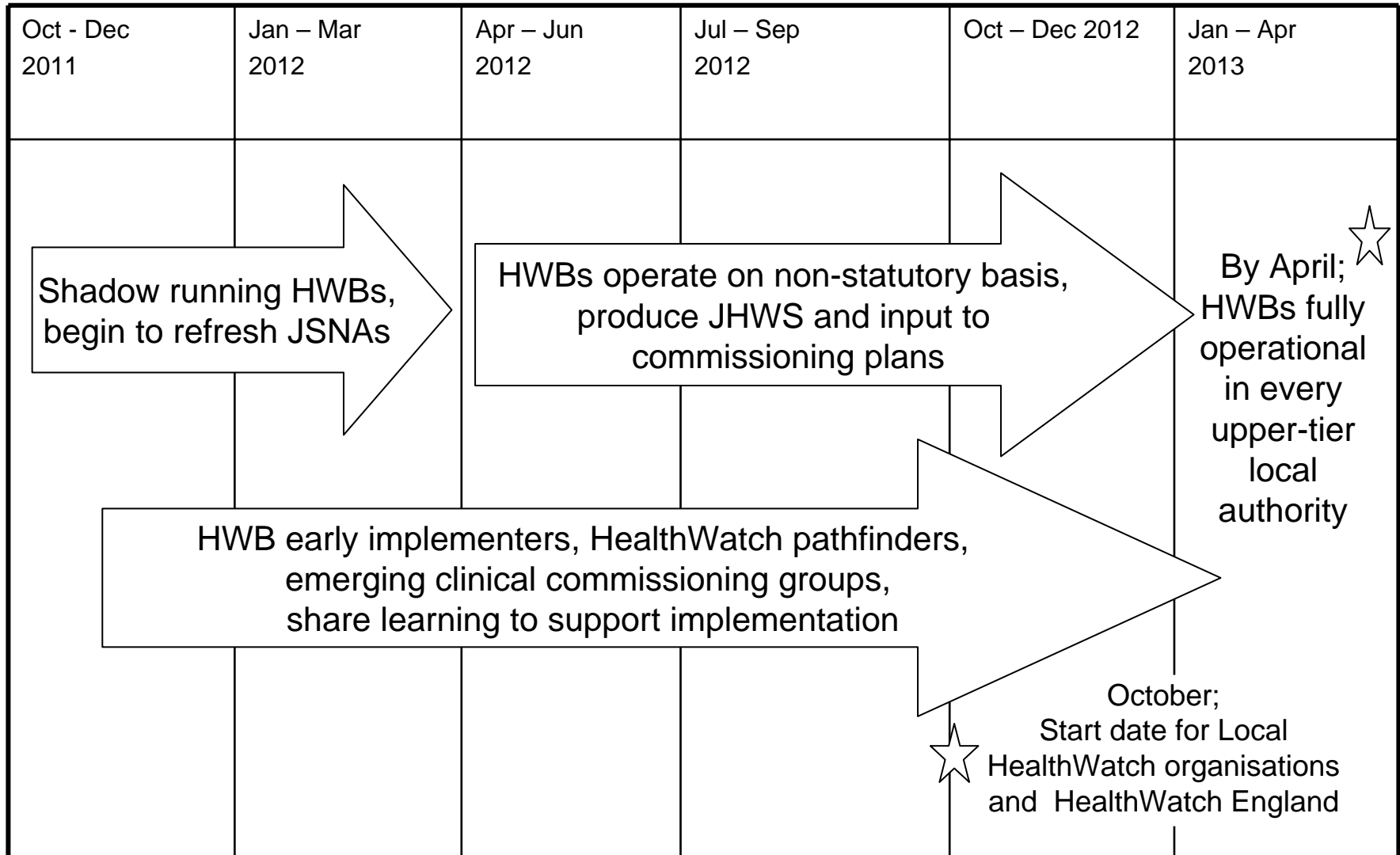
# A Local Example – Manchester HWB

## What will the Board look like?

- ▶ Statutory Committee of MCC (subject to the Bill) chaired by Leader of MCC
- ▶ Membership – Chaired by the Leader of MCC, Exec Member for Adult Services, local PCT, Director of Adults, Children's and Public Health, CEO's of 3 major NHS Hospital Trusts,, Chair's of 3 CCGs, Health Watch and voluntary sector rep
- ▶ In scope: preparation of key partnership plans (JSNA and HWS), commissioning/decommissioning by MCC and CCG of services where change is likely to impact on partner organisations, contribution to 'other' plans that will impact on Health and Wellbeing
- ▶ Out of scope: formal political scrutiny of proposals for service change
- ▶ Monthly Board meetings held in public incorporating part 'A' and part 'B'



# Programme Timescales – Health and Wellbeing Boards and HealthWatch



# Any questions?

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