



**Healthy Lives; Healthy People and...**



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# A story of growth



shaping energy

# Big Society; What does it all mean?

*'To give citizens, communities and local government the power and information they need to come together, solve the problems they face and build the Britain they want.'*



# How will it work?

1. Giving communities more power
2. Encouraging people to take an active role in their communities
3. Transfer power from central to local government
4. Support co-operatives, mutuals, charities and social enterprises
5. Publish government data



# Opportunities

- Greater citizen involvement and community action - empowerment
- More citizen-focussed public services
- Improved and holistic outcomes
- Access to information and data
- More flexible local budgets to meet identified local needs
- Partnership with statutory providers
- Personalised service provision



# Threats

- Cuts (and expectation)
- Rolling back the state may mean losing the safety net (postcode lottery)
- Stimulating local engagement
- Support for implementation needed
- Inequality in take up and benefit
- Loss of national influence / wider voice
- Protecting the VCS role – commissioning
- Policy conflict

# The changes ahead.....

- March 2011 –
  - GOEM and local DH close
- 2011-13
  - GP Consortia developed in waves and budget devolved
- April 2012 –
  - NHS EM abolished
  - Formation of Public Health England and the NHS Commissioning Board
  - Local Health & Wellbeing and HealthWatch boards functional
- April 2013 –
  - All public health budgets transferred to local authorities
  - PCTs – abolished



# Implications for the VCS

- Voice & participation
- Information
- Market development
- Service providers
- Dissemination & reach
- Inclusion
- Holistic approach
- Linkage
- Relationships
- Continuity (cuts)
- Loss of 'voice'
- Scrutiny



# Questions?

- Does the new model support or contradict 'Big Society' principles?
- How will the new model for Public Health practically engage VCS expertise and through what mechanism?
- What are the equality implications of the new model?
- How can we collectively identify and learn from existing good practice?



Any questions?



Thank you

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