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Dear colleague,

Publication of an overview of the new public health system

The Government has an ambitious programme to improve public health through strengthening local action, supporting self-esteem and behavioural changes, promoting healthy choices and changing the environment to support healthier lives.

Today the Government has published an overview of the new public health system and links to more detailed material to support implementation of these reforms. You can access these materials at:

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/publichealth>

Subject to the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill, these statutory changes will take place from 1 April 2013. In preparation, I would encourage all partners to engage in preparing to deliver on the new vision for public health.

I encourage you to share this link and information with your colleagues and to distribute it through your networks.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sally C Davies'.

Professor Dame Sally C Davies
Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health