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# NHS Health Check Health Equity Audit Guidance

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# Origins

- An **HEA is a review process**, which examines how health determinants, access to health services and related outcomes are distributed in relation to the health needs of different groups and areas.
- NHS Health Check Local Implementer National Forum (LINF) members identified the **need to develop a resource to promote and support more extensive use of Health Equity Audits (HEAs)** in the NHS Health Check programme.
- **Task and finish group was established to develop a resource** in line with identified needs. It included representatives from PHE Equity team, Oldham Metropolitan council, Surrey County Council, PHE centres, Cumbria County Council and PHE national team

# Development of HEA resource

- The task and finish group agreed that an HEA of an NHS Health Check programme should aim to identify inequities that may arise across the NHS Health Check pathway. These can include inequities in:
  - Identifying and inviting eligible population
  - Access to the checks
  - Provision of the checks
  - Referrals from the checks
  - Outcomes from checks and from referrals

# HEA guidance

- As a result the group produced draft guidance which:
- relates to each part of the NHS Health Check care pathway
- provides advice on the steps to take in completing a HEA
  - Scope the local approach: set your objective(s)
  - Assess local need: Local CVD profile and characteristics of local eligible population
  - Identify the gap: equity profile of stage on pathway focusing on
  - Agree action to reduce the inequity : incorporate into strategic plans
  - Evaluate the impact of the actions on reducing inequity
- includes a series of prompts and questions to ask which relate to each stage of the NHS Health Check pathway.

# Next Steps

- The draft guidance is now available for piloting.
- You can sign up to pilot the guidance with the PHE colleague at the back of the room
- Publication and dissemination amongst colleagues in 2016/17

# Thank You

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