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**The use of evidence to address
health inequalities**

- The Health Development Agency
- Childhood disadvantage and adult health
- Childhood accidents
- Community development





Who we are

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- The National Authority on what works to improve People's health and to reduce health inequalities
- The Health Development Agency (HDA) was set up following the Government's White paper:

Saving Lives Our Healthier Nation -1999

This paper's aim was to improve the health of everyone, and in particular the worst off



HDA Regional Focus

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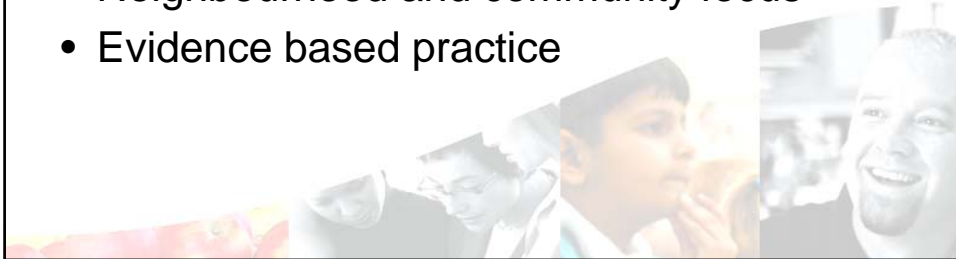
Supporting the implementation
of public health related
evidence and guidance



The Modernisation of public services

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- Joined up thinking and action
- Social cohesion
- Mainstreaming
- Multi-stakeholder involvement
- Neighbourhood and community focus
- Evidence based practice



Strategic Partnerships

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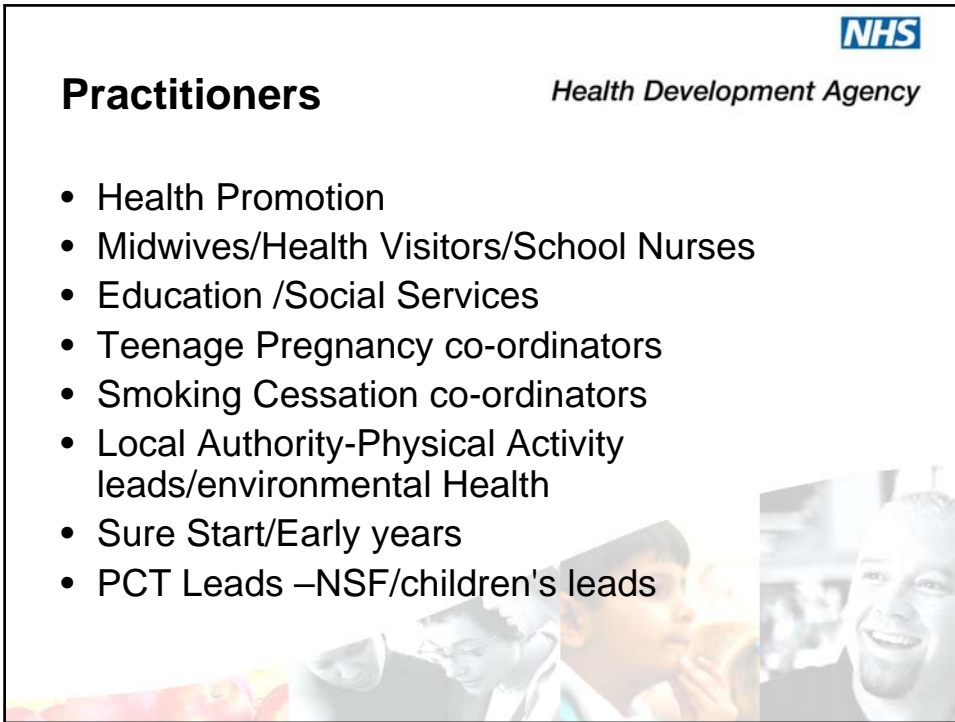
- Public health Group
- Government Office
- Perinatal Institute
- PCT
- Local Authority
- Voluntary Sector
- Regional Development Agency
- Public Health Networks-Smoking Cessation in Pregnancy
- Strategic Health Authority



Practitioners

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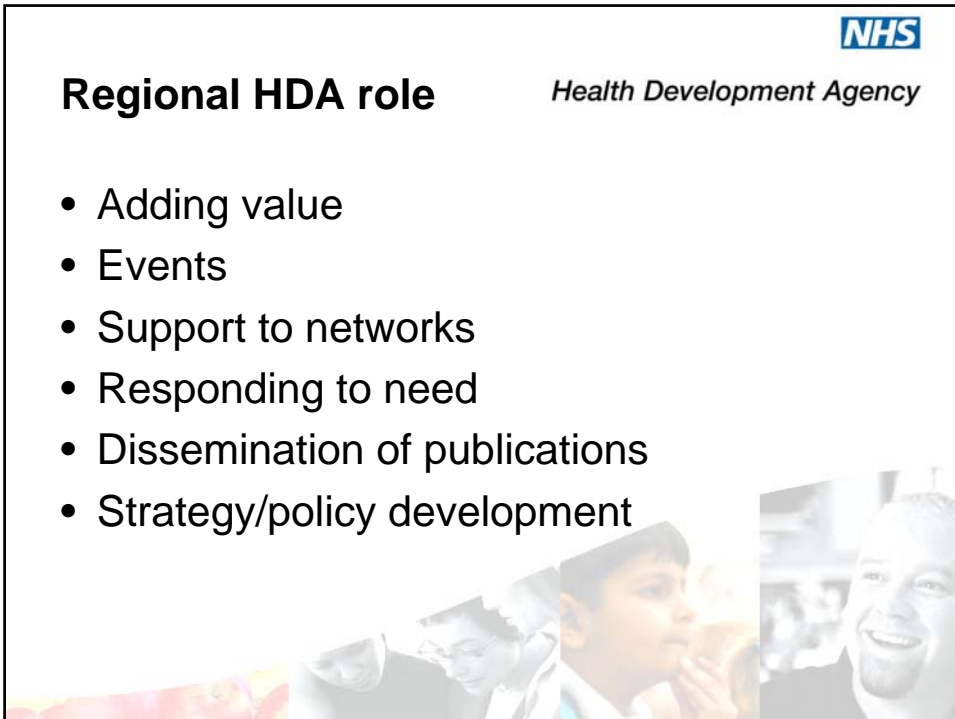
- Health Promotion
- Midwives/Health Visitors/School Nurses
- Education /Social Services
- Teenage Pregnancy co-ordinators
- Smoking Cessation co-ordinators
- Local Authority-Physical Activity leads/environmental Health
- Sure Start/Early years
- PCT Leads –NSF/children's leads



Regional HDA role

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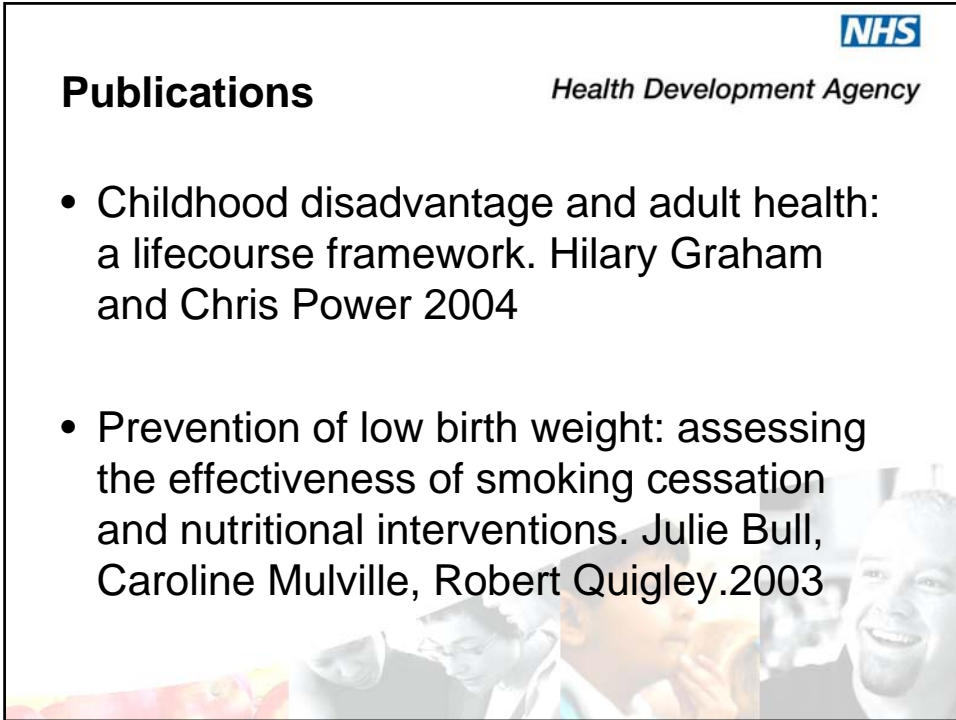
- Adding value
- Events
- Support to networks
- Responding to need
- Dissemination of publications
- Strategy/policy development



Publications

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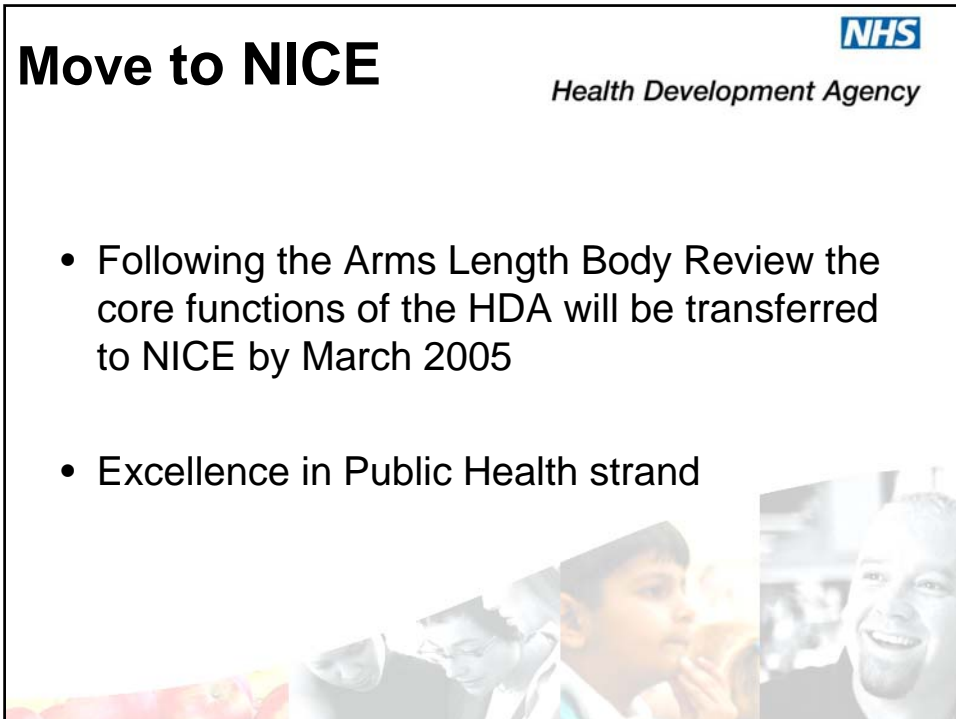
- Childhood disadvantage and adult health: a lifecourse framework. Hilary Graham and Chris Power 2004
- Prevention of low birth weight: assessing the effectiveness of smoking cessation and nutritional interventions. Julie Bull, Caroline Mulville, Robert Quigley. 2003



Move to NICE

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- Following the Arms Length Body Review the core functions of the HDA will be transferred to NICE by March 2005
- Excellence in Public Health strand



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