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1. Which organisations should be involved?

Relevant engaged partners may depend on the issues identified. As the approach should be with the whole system in mind, there may be variation on who sits at the table as the partnership progresses.

As a starting point, potential partners could include:

- · Local authorities
- · Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Community and Voluntary sector
- Academia
- · Health and Social Care
- Police
- Housing partnerships

Partnership: The key to success

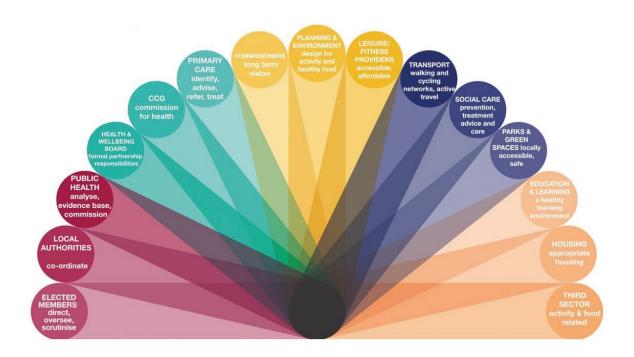


Figure 1 Designing a Whole Systems approach to prevent and tackle obesity

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2. Stakeholder Analysis

Not everyone can be equally involved, or should be, in a partnership effort. It may therefore be appropriate to undertake a brief stakeholder mapping exercise to ascertain how the partnership will be arranged and how stakeholder relationships are managed in the future.

Organisations will preferably be operating within the locality and have some power to effect local change. It is advised that organisations identified in the key player box below are full participants in the partnership.

| Meet the needs | Key Player |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Monitor | Show Consideration |

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3. Governance arrangements

Brief terms of reference, an agreed lead organisation and reporting structure should be identified once key stakeholders are gathered and committed to working together.

This can begin informally however without structures in place a whole system approach will be difficult to maintain, and progress could potentially stall.