

Community Protection

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Community Protection Services

Local Authority Regulatory Services:-

- **Emergency Response & Outbreak Management** – Food borne illness, Covid, Foot & Mouth etc
- **Inspection programme** – Food Hygiene & Food Standards, Health & safety at work; Pollution permitting; Weights and Measures; Water and Food sampling
- **Escalated enforcement action** – Improvement Notices Prosecution, Seizure, Closure orders
- **Alternative interventions** – Education and Advice
- **Special Investigations and projects** – Covert operations, OCG disruption; Cyber crime
- **Professions include** :- Trading Standards Officers, Enforcement Officers and Environmental Health Officers



What is Environmental Health?

Dates back to the mid **1800**'s to part of Public Health Controls to tackle insanitary conditions in towns and cities that saw tens of thousands perish in cholera and influenza epidemics. .

1844 Thomas Fresh became Liverpool's first public health officer and shortly after that in **1848** the first Public Health Act was passed which gave every town the right to appoint a Medical Officer of Health.

By the **1850s**, the appointment of an Inspector of Nuisances in each area was mandatory, and the duties had expanded; the Sanitary inspectors now also sniffed out foods unfit for human consumption. In **1956** Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Act – changed designation from 'sanitary inspector' to 'public health inspector'.

By late 60's Public Health Inspectors became known as 'Environmental Health Officers' (EHOs).

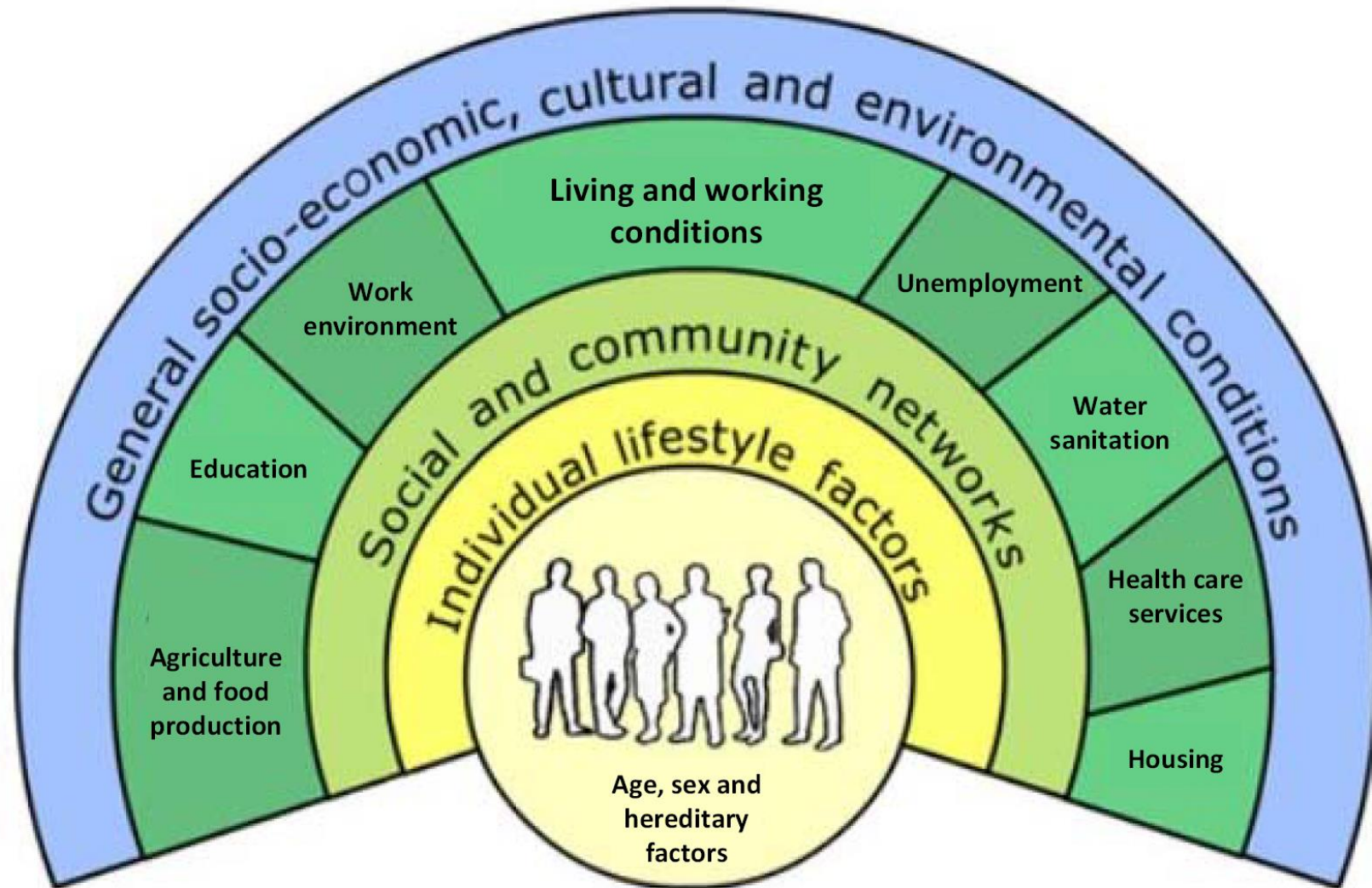
Whilst there have been changes to the scope of the work undertaken over the decades we can still recognise the roles and still have some legislation around from that time in place today.

Environmental health was by the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) as:

Those aspects of human health and disease that are determined by factors in the environment. It is also referred to as the theory and practice of accessing and controlling factors in the environment that can potentially affect health.

Including...the effects (often indirect) on health and well being of the broad physical, psychological, social and cultural environment, which includes housing, urban development, land use and transport.

Wider determinants of health



Dahlgren-Whitehead model of health

The Built Environment

- Houses in Multiple Occupation - (Circa >2200 properties/850 licensed HMOs)
- Private Sector Housing Standards (owned and private rented)
 - Housing Health & Safety Rating Scheme (HHSRS)
 - Defective Premises
 - Protection of Buildings (Open to access / Dangers to Public Safety)
 - Ruinous and dilapidated buildings
 - Filthy & verminous premises (Hoarding)
 - Overcrowding
 - Statutory Nuisance (3500 noise complaints per annum)
 - Drainage and Sanitation
- Tenancy Fees / MEES / Electrical certification
- Licensing of Mobile Homes sites including Park Homes
- Unauthorised encampments (GRTS services)

Environment Protection

- Air Quality – Regulated by DEFRA
 - Air quality monitoring (Annual Progress Report)
 - Durham City Air Quality Management Area (5 Year action Plan)
 - Regulation of the Taxi Fleet
- Statutory Nuisance
 - Fumes,
 - Dust and;
 - Odours
 - Anti-social behaviour
- Pollution Control
 - Air Pollution - Permitted installations (>100 installations)
 - Light Pollution (Statutory nuisance)
 - Smoke control / Dark Smoke / Wood burning Stoves
 - Planning & Building Development
- Contaminated Land - Regulation & Development (>10,000 land sites)
- Rural Water Supplies – Drinking water quality / sampling > 1000 supplies

Community Action Team (CAT)

The Community Action Scheme brings together residents and a range of organisations including planning, wardens housing teams, police and fire and rescue team to tackle housing and environmental issues in specific areas

We normally deliver an 11 week rolling programme, moving around the county and focusing on a certain community each time. This breaks down into:

- two weeks of identifying issues and planning priorities
- seven weeks of action
- two weeks of review

[Community Action Scheme - Durham County Council](http://www.durham.gov.uk/CAT)





- Place Based Team – Horden Hub
- > 50 partner organisations
- Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM)
- Community Resilience
- Problem Solving – Place Issues
- Clear Hold Build – Organised and Serious Crime
- [Facebook](#) page



Project delivery has been split across the three interrelated parameters of:



Ensuring that the community is at the centre of planning, delivery and legacy.

Questions?