Environment and Culture Level 3

Improving the organisation's workplace culture can

improve employee wellbeing and build employee engagement.



Employees are more likely to make healthier choices if they feel supported by their employer.



A number of factors can **increase employee engagement** including:

- clear visible leadership,
- effective line management,
- employees feeling they have a voice.

There is no 'one size fits all' and **workplace wellbeing** approaches should be co-produced with employees and tailored to the needs of the **organisation and workforce.**



Effective two-way communication

in the workplace is an integral part of a successful organisation, **enhancing productivity and efficiency.**





Fostering an open and inclusive culture at work can encourage **positive conversations** around health and wellbeing, reduce stigma and **support healthier choices and behaviours.**



Effective policies on health and wellbeing at work

adopt a whole person, whole system approach, encompassing physical and mental health, and are rooted in **prevention and risk management.**



Employees spend on average a third of their waking hours at work, so the workplace is an ideal environment to support employee health and wellbeing.

Business in the Community Wellbeing toolkitsl RAND Promising practices for health and wellbeing at work 2018 | PHE Health and work: infographics

Environment and Culture Level 3: Criteria

Develop a long term sustainable organisational Health and Wellbeing Strategy building on the health and wellbeing needs assessment and action plan. Guidance:

- Adopting a strategic approach to workplace health and wellbeing has shown to be an important factor in achieving sustained business benefits.
- This should align to the organisation's overall business plan and objectives
- If appropriate, ensure health and wellbeing is linked to Quality Management Accreditation (e.g. ISO9001)
- Consider the key stages in producing a comprehensive strategy including:
 - » gaining board-level approval
 - » assessing needs
 - » formulating strategy
 - » consulting employees
 - » implementing strategy
 - » monitoring and evaluating
- Employee involvement should be evidenced.
- Senior/ board level leadership and reporting ensures that health and wellbeing is prioritised and taken seriously.

Local/National Resources:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy

BITC securing senior buy-in for your wellbeing strategy **guidance** PHE workplace health needs

assessment

PHE workplace health infographics



Environment and Culture Level 3: Criteria

Develop and implement an organisational annual action plan/ programme of health and wellbeing activities, events, initiatives and campaigns.

Ensure that:

- Activity is based on need and priorities and tailored to your workforce
- Activity is evaluated to demonstrate impact and shape future activity
- The action plan allocates responsibilities and includes timeframes for implementation
- Evidence exists that the leadership team is committed to the achievement of the action plan and associated objectives.

Guidance:

- Consider the following:
 - » linking with national campaigns and programmes to increase impact and reach (e.g. programmes could include NHS Health Checks; NHS Screening such as breast, cervical, bowel etc; Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR))
 - » how activity can impact on the wider community including family members and friends
 - » supporting social activities, volunteering and out-of-work activities
 - » covering core topic areas (mental health and wellbeing, alcohol, smoking, substance misuse, healthy eating, physical activity) as well as other priority areas for your organisation
 - » promotion of national screening programmes

Enhance your organisational approach to a healthy culture and behaviours maximising the impact beyond the immediate workforce.

Guidance:

- Consider how you can maximise your approach to influence and impact others including the wider community. This could include:
 - » Contractors and visitors
 - » Family members and friends
 - » Procurement and supply chain opportunities
 - » Other organisations and businesses (e.g. neighbouring and local businesses)

Local/National Resources:

Campaigns

PHE resource centre

WWW campaigns and useful resources **webpage**

RAND promising practices in health and wellbeing at work

report

BITC **toolkits** (for examples of case studies)

Evaluating initiatives

NHS Employers evaluating your health and wellbeing programme information

BITC measuring employee wellbeing **toolkits** (paid)

Gov.UK measuring employee productivity **overview**

What works wellbeing why invest website

WWW additional standards

WWW additional standards webpage



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	Ensure your organisation has systems in place to evaluate the impact of health and wellbeing initiatives, this includes the impact on employees and the organisation.	
	Guidance:	
- `	 Consider how you will communicate and evaluate the return on investment from health and well-being activities to senior leaders and managers 	
	• This could include outputs and outcomes such as savings from reduced sickness rates, improved productivity and customer service, improved survey results and increased health & wellbeing of employees.	
	Consider the following:	
	» Evaluating programmes	
	 » Recording progress » Reviewing any changes in absenteeism, staff turnover, productivity, costs, staff morale, ease of recruitment, disciplinary numbers » Change in future strategy. 	
	Share your workplace wellbeing approach with other organisations to promote best practice and exchange ideas for new approaches.	
	Guidance:	
	Consider the following:	
	 Signing up to share your workplace wellbeing approach with other Worcestershire businesses (business to business support) 	
	» Sharing your workplace wellbeing approach at Worcestershire Works Well events	
	 Submitting case studies of specific initiatives, sharing your approach via social media and producing short video clips. 	
	Identify at least two standards from the WWW additional standards toolkit to implement within your organisation. The chosen standards should be based on need and priori-ties and tailored to your work-force.	
	Guidance:	
	 Consider how you will develop your approach around your chosen standards. It is important to focus on assessing need, building support, taking action, embedding and evaluating. Employee engagement is essential through development and implementation. 	
	• The additional standards selected at level 3 must be different to the standards selected at level 2.	