The German Federal State of Baden-Württemberg and its Public Health Service (Öffentlicher Gesundheitsdienst)

Joint Seminar: Comparing Public Health service and practice Baden-Württemberg (Germany), Brittany (France), Wales (UK) and Hungary

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Topic

1. The Federal Republic of Germany and the Länder
2. Facts and health data of Baden-Württemberg
3. Framework, levels, health care system
4. Organisation of the Public Health Service Baden-Württemberg
5. Tasks of Public Health Service
6. The State Health Office
Facts and health data

Average age: 42 (2007 – 2030: 47)
Life expectancy: girls 83.3, boys 78.6
Fertility: 1.37 children per woman

Demographic trends
Ageing society

Health economics
Health care expenditures: 35 billions € per year
Expenditure of Statutory health insurance funds: 19 billions € per year

11,2% of jobs
Framework, levels, health care system

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Public Health Service

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Authorities of the Public Health Service
Baden-Württemberg

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District Offices

Local Health Offices

State Health Office
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<td>Local health offices</td>
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Tasks of Public Health Service

• In Germany the Public Health Service‘s task of promoting and protecting the health of the population derives from the State‘s constitutional duty to protect life and health of its citizens.

• The organisation of the Public Health Service is in the responsibility of the states and is regulated in state acts.

• The tasks of the Public Health Service are regulated in federal and state acts

• The reponsibility for the legal execution of the Federal Acts belongs to the States
Tasks of the Public Health Service

• Health protection
• Health reporting and epidemiology
• Prevention and health promotion
  • School health services; medical pre school test
  • School based oral health services; prevention and screening
• Medical assessments, medical expert opinion

These tasks are regulated in the Act on the Public Health Service Baden-Württemberg
Tasks of the State Health Office

• expert counselling of the Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs and other Ministries in Baden-Württemberg with regard to public health topics

• expert counselling of the District Offices, the Local Health Offices and Industrial Inspection Boards with regard to all questions of public health and occupational medicine

• special investigations in the field of public health and participation in drinking water surveillance

• advanced training for physicians in public health service and other staff in this area

• taking over the tasks of State Doctor for People with Disabilities and State Industrial Physician
Centre of Competence for Health Protection

• mainly comprises the fields of epidemiology, infectiology and toxicology

• task: recognition, risk analysis and expert counselling during management of imported highly infectious, life threatening illnesses as well as during handling of biological and chemical dangers

• advanced training and public information

• 24-hour availability for the Public Health Service
Tasks of the State Health Office  
- in the field of environmental health

- basic questions of environmental health
- toxicological counselling
- health surveillance, information system for environmental medicine
- human biomonitoring, analytical quality control
- since december 2006 WHO-CC for Housing and Health