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# The changing face of environmental health

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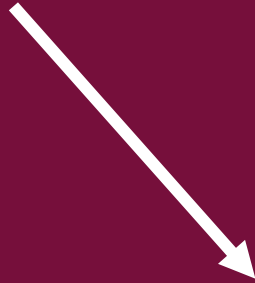


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## Some issues for the next 12 mths for LG

- Rogers, LBRO, REP, Compliance code  
Gershon 2 /CPA, Lyons, Macrory
- Staff competency
- Smoking
- Animal welfare
- Regional working and Partnerships
- Political engagement
- Emergency planning Laboratory provision  
and support
- LAAs/LSPs



# Lyons

*“Given the importance of health for every other aspect of peoples well-being and its overall public expenditure. I would expect this emphasis on public health to grow over time. .... I therefore recommend a stronger and more explicit role for local government as convenor in the realm of health and well-being”*



## National enforcement priorities for local authority regulatory services

Peter Rogers



March 2007



# Better Regulation

*Rogers Report – top 5 enforcement priorities for local government*

Air quality

Alcohol licensing

Hygiene of food businesses

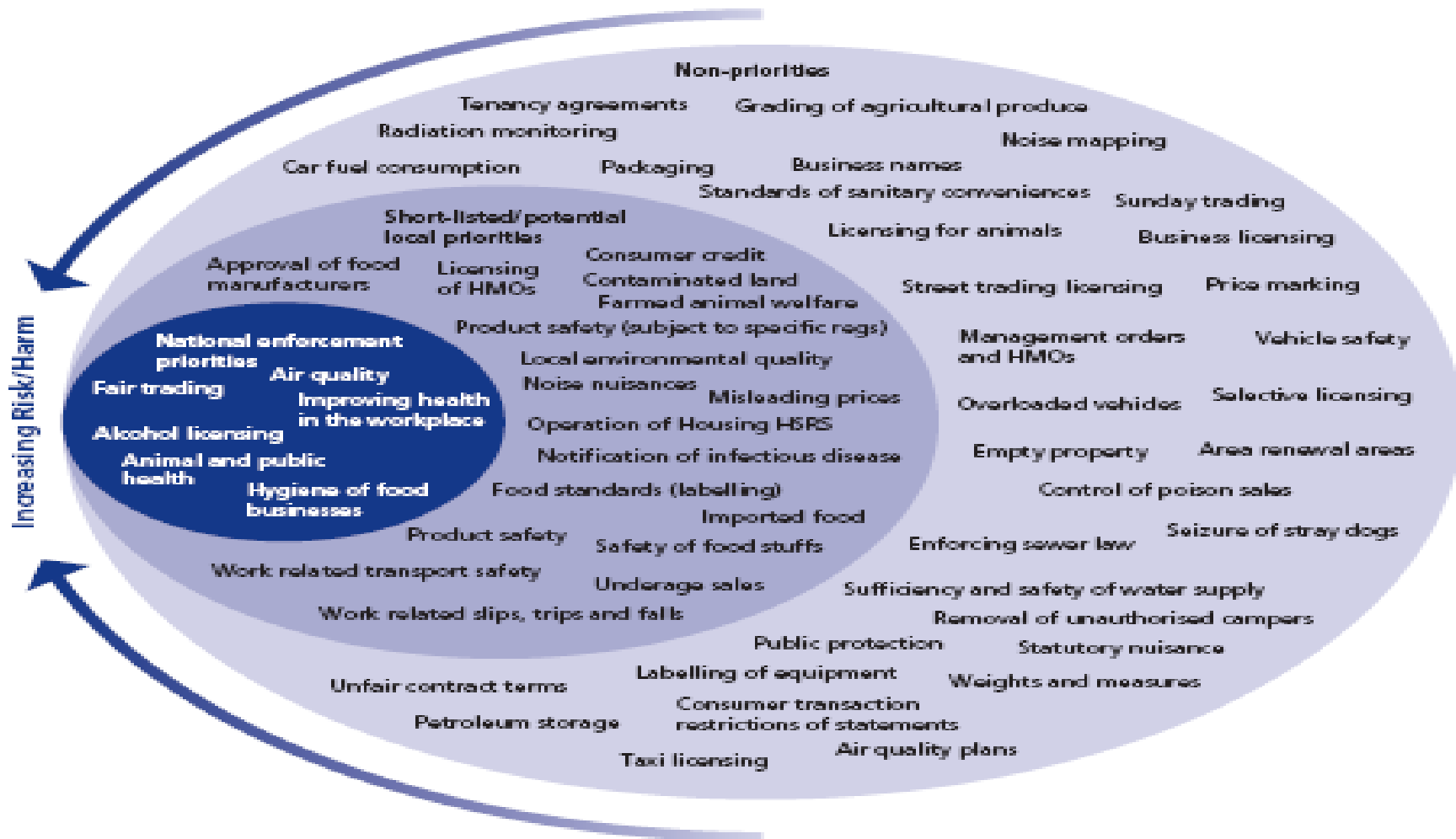
Improving health in the workplace

Fair trading

Animal and public health



Figure E1: Map of national priorities





“Regulatory services are a powerful tool in achieving key local objectives from better health to safer (more sustainable ) communities.... They make a vital contribution to national and european systems of enforcement”

Peter Rogers

# Better Regulation

*Hampton Report (no inspection without a reason)*

Better Regulation Bill

LBRO company – chair Clive Grace

Compliance Code (15<sup>th</sup> May)

Retail Enforcement Pilot

- Extended to 70 LAs

# Better Regulation

## *Macrory Report – Sanctions*

Government has accepted report

New regulatory tools in Better Regulation Bill

Non monetary penalties –

Notices, damage to reputations, community service

We quite like Macrory

# LG White Paper

## Strong and Prosperous Communities LG and Public Involvement in Health Bill

- Will provide the structure for LAAs and the Vehicle for reforming and funding local government



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Our mission is to promote  
the health of people  
through education,  
training and knowledge

# CIEH Corporate Plan

## - our key objectives

- Enhance our contribution in improving the health of people
- Raise the profile of EH with government, employers, media and the public
- Work to promote improvements in EH policy
- Forward plan and maintain relevance and fit for purpose educational standards
- To promote the quality brand of CIEH
- Revitalise member engagement

# Our work takes time

- HMO licensing – 15 yrs
- Smoking cessation – 20 yrs
- HHSRS – 5 yrs
- Curricula change – 5 yrs
- 2012 – 6 yrs into the vision
- Agendas for change – 10 yrs
- Local Government White Paper – 18 mths
- Macrory – 2.5 yrs
- Contaminated land – 10 years



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# Educational Changes

# The landscape surrounding EH

National shortage of EHPs remains

Retention in the public sector is a significant problem

Siloing in a specialist area of practice

Most EHOs do not move from one specialism to another

Placements for students (in the public sector) drying up (again!)

# Landscape Issues

Emergence of BRE and LBRO

Hampton

Rebalancing of prosperity and protection

Comprehensive risk assessment

No inspection without a reason

Regulators to provide authoritative and *cheap* advice

Retail Enforcement Pilot

Peter Rogers priorities for TS/EH

LG White Paper

# Landscape issues

'De-skilling' in the public sector

Emerging differences between the CIEH professional profile of an EHP and how EHOs are being used in practice

Questions being asked by some government departments/agencies regarding the depth of specialist knowledge of EHOs in key areas

# The changing face of higher education

## Higher education system in a state of flux

- Move to full economic costing

- Top-up fees

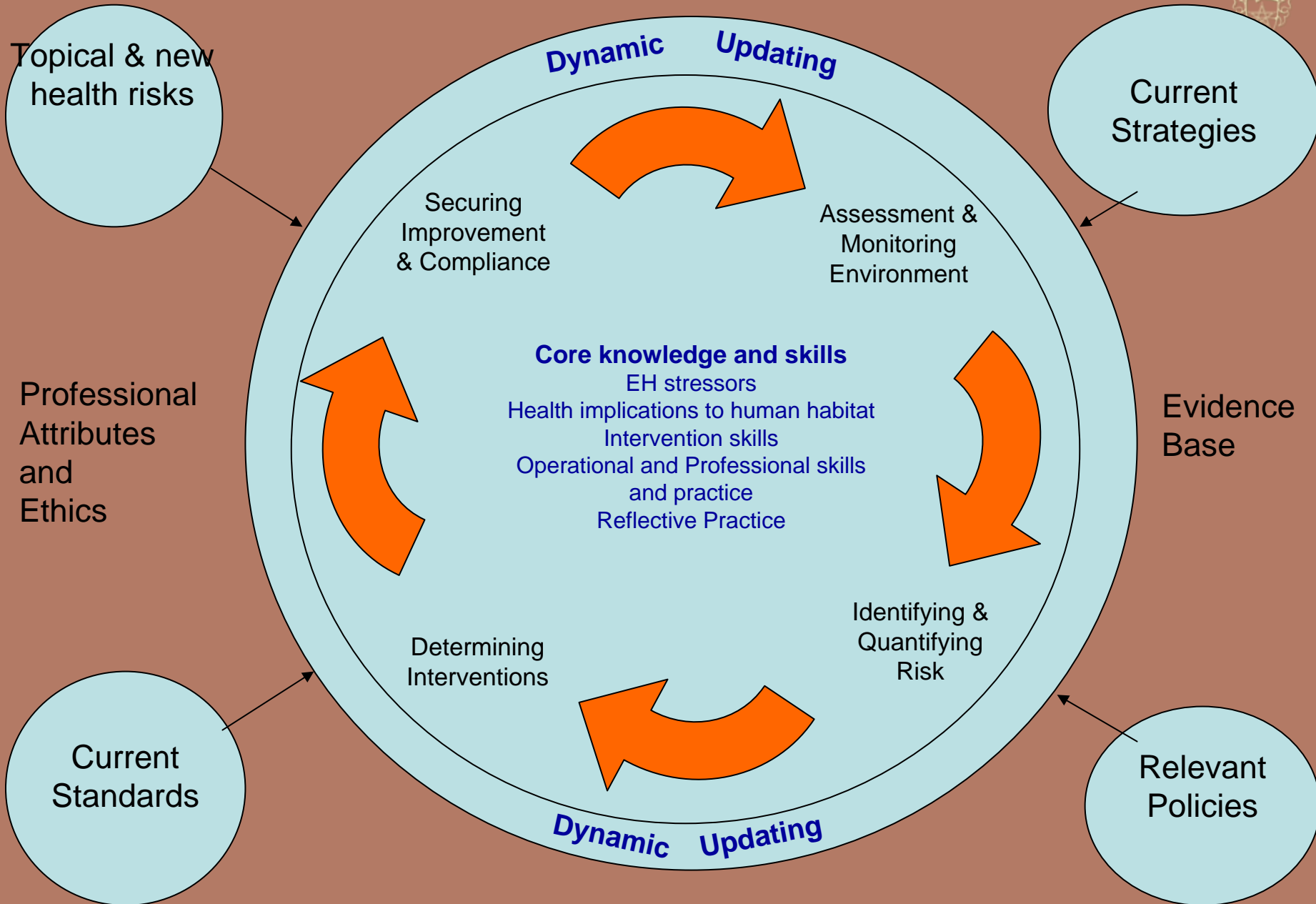
- Falling numbers of mature students

- Falling birth rates

- Reducing pool of potential recruits

- Placement blockage pushing EH towards universal 'end-on' work based learning

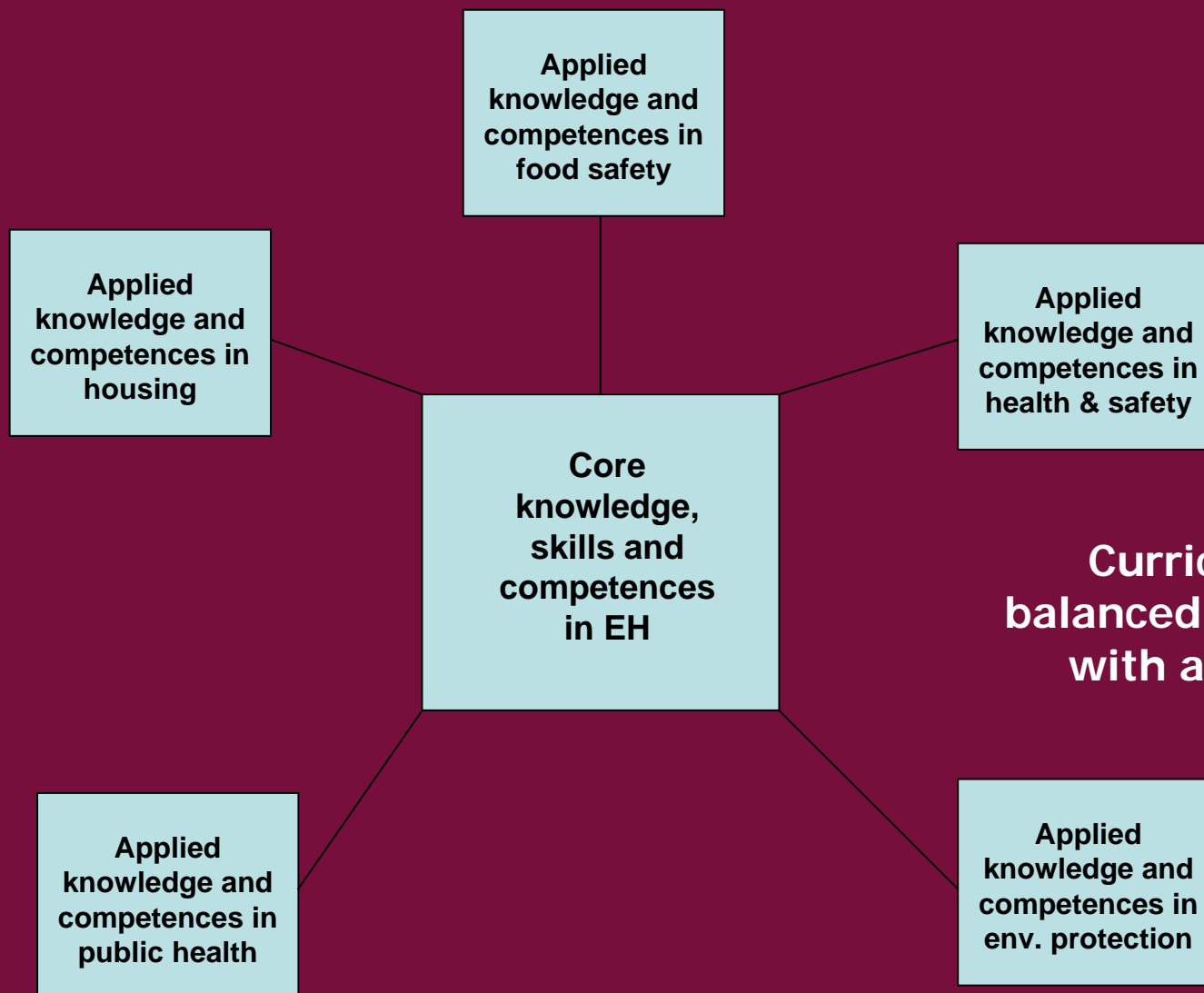
# Professional Profile of an EHP



# Curriculum 2003



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**Curriculum 2003 –  
balanced and symmetrical  
with a common core**

# Competency

## Move towards Competence frameworks, not qualifications

- Joint competency framework for H&S enforcement
  - Emerged from SITNA report
  - H&S competencies pitched at PG Dip (Masters level) for HSE
- Competency framework for food safety - under development and FSA is likely to adopt the core elements of the HSE framework
- Competency framework for environmental protection and health protection – ongoing moves for DEFRA and HPA to adopt the core components of the HSE framework



# From September 2008

CIEH will introduce a new degree curriculum that permits the production of an environmental health specialist on graduation

- BSc (Hons) Environmental Health (Health and Safety)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Health (Food Safety)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Health (Sustainable Communities)
- Etc etc



# Conclusion

Change in Environmental Health delivery and the profession has never been greater or more swift. Take advantage of these changes to advance the profile of Environmental health and the role you play in it