

The Highland Community Planning Partnership

Chief Officers' Group – 23 February 2015

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National Public Health Review Consultation / Engagement – Highland Community Planning Partnership response

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Situation

Scottish Ministers announced a review of Public Health in November 2014. An expert group has been convened to take the work forward and have invited stakeholders to offer responses to 5 questions by the 12th March. Regionally held multiagency consultation meetings will be held after the initial evidence gathering period (likely May). The group aim to report by the summer 2015.

Background

The review terms of reference focus on public health systems and the delivery of all public health functions (endeavours) in Scotland in particular how public health contributes to improving health and reducing inequalities. The review will examine: public health leadership and influence; workforce planning and development; and opportunities for greater joined up working in context of community planning / SOA's and H&SCI. Recommendations will be made to strengthen the contribution of public health; maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of public health resource in Scotland, achieve consistency and ensure responsiveness and resilience of the public health function.

The list of stakeholders that are being consulted by the Scottish Government are extensive and include Health Boards, Local Authorities, Community Planning Partners, Academic, Community, 3rd Sector and private sector organisations and specialist groups.

Consultation questions

1. How can public health in Scotland best contribute to the challenges discussed (in consultation paper attached)? Specifically, views and evidence of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to the contribution of the public health function in improving Scotland's health and reducing inequalities?
2. How can public health leadership in Scotland be developed to deliver maximum impact?
3. How do we strengthen and support partnerships to tackle the challenges and add greater value. How do we support the wider public health workforce within those partnerships to continue to develop and sustain their public health roles?
4. What would help to maintain a core/specialist public health resource that works effectively is well co-ordinated and resilient?
5. How can we provide opportunities for professional development and workforce succession planning for the core public health workforce?

Proposed actions

The Public Health Directorate of NHS Highland coordinate the Community Planning Partnership response (Hugo van Woerden and Cathy Steer to generate draft response) as per the timetable below.

Proposed timelines:

23 rd February	Distribution of consultation paper to CPP COG/Board asking for comments / evidence, comments to be submitted to (cathy.steer@nhs.net)
2 nd March	Deadline for initial comments
5 th March	First draft to CPP COG/Board electronically for comment
10 th March	Deadline for comments on draft response
12 th March	Final response to be signed off by Chair of the CPP Board and submitted.

Questions for the CPP COG

1. Does the CPP COG/Board wish to engage with the development of a response or just to comment on a draft?
2. Should anyone wider than the CPP COG/ Board members be involved in the consultation?
3. Are there any groups that we MUST include in the process?
4. Any other comments?