

ABERDEENSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD
29 JUNE 2016

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT 2014/15

1 Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the DPH Report 2014/15 and its relevance to the strategic priorities of the Board.

2 Background

- 2.1 The annual Director of Public Health Report 2014/15 was published in November 2015.¹
- 2.2 The report celebrates continued rising life expectancy in Grampian, while acknowledging continuing inequalities in longevity and in *healthy* life expectancy by social position.

In Grampian:

- one in ten adults have no qualifications
- one in thirteen children are living in poverty
- one in six people live in some of the most access deprived areas in Scotland
- rural areas have some of the highest road traffic accident rates in Scotland

The report confronts the growing challenges for health and social care systems – from an increasingly older population, from significant increases in conditions such as diabetes across the adult population and from ongoing expensive advances in medical technology. It recognises that workforce challenges mean that additional funding would not be a simple solution, even if that were available.

These challenges require healthier ageing. Early years and childhood sets the trajectory of adult health. This is a priority but the payoff will not be seen for decades. Attention is also required for working age adults and older adults, with a growing focus on working with people and communities to help them to help themselves.

- 2.3 The report:
- champions the promise of integration of health and social care
 - points to potentially transformative future legislation such as the Community Empowerment Act
 - recommends increased use of evidence and intelligence and structured evaluation to support decision making

¹ www.nhsgrampian.org/grampianfoi/files/NHSGrampianDPHAnnualReport2014-15.pdf

3 Implications for Local Community Planning Groups and Consultation with Local Community Planning Groups

3.1 The Report is intended as a resource for local groups to use to inform discussion, debate and decision-making.

4 Equalities, Financial and Staffing Implications

4.1 None.

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THE 2015 REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN SCOTLAND

1 Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the publication of the final report of the national review of public health.**
- 1.2 Note that NHS Scotland's 'shared services programme' is now leading implementation of the review's recommendations.**
- 1.3 Note the recommendation that all public bodies – including Community Planning Partnership Boards – become public health organisations.**

2 Background

2.1 The Scottish Government convened a national review of public health in 2015 amidst ongoing concerns about the population's health and the organised response to protect and improve this. The Scottish people have high rates of preventable illness, multimorbidity and premature death, all characterised by persistent inequalities by social position. Life expectancy in Scotland is low compared to Europe. The review group's report was published in February 2016.¹

2.2 The report provides recommendations under six themes:

- **Organisational coherence** Potential to develop a more coherent public health landscape at national, regional and local levels; specific recognition of the potential of Community Planning Partnerships:

CPPs [are] at the centre of the public health endeavour and the main mechanism by which improvements in public health can be achieved at a local level (p.44)

- **National strategy** A national public health strategy to be developed
- **Leadership** Consistent strategic and political leadership at all levels across all sectors, informed by a national strategy
- **Evidence-based decision making** An increased use of research and intelligence to underpin policy and practice, with greater coordination of academic public health to support this

¹ www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/02/8475

- **Collective responsibility** All public bodies – including community planning partnership boards – to become ‘overtly exemplar public health organisations’ supported by greater ‘visibility’ of the core public health workforce
 - **Workforce** Recognition of the core and wider public health workforce with more structured career pathways and progression
- 2.3 NHS Scotland’s Shared Services Programme has commenced work to “define the strategic direction for public health in Scotland... [and] underpin the development and delivery of ... organisational arrangements”.
- 3 Implications for Local Community Planning Groups and Consultation with Local Community Planning Groups**
- 3.1 None immediately.
- 4 Equalities, Financial and Staffing Implications**
- 4.1 Grampian’s Director of Public Health will require to address the recommendation for greater visibility of the core public health workforce in Community Planning Partnerships.

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