

Scottish Public Health Network

New Ways of Working Programme

Update to NHS Boards: June 2012

This is the first quarterly update which ScotPHN will provide to NHS Boards on work happening under the auspices of the New Ways of Working (NWW) programme.

The Consultation

Over 35 participants from 20 Health Boards and Special Health Boards met to discuss the recommendation from the New Ways of Working Report and the possible actions included in the report (see Appendix 1 for the consolidated notes from the national consultation event in Edinburgh, 23 April 2012).

'Quick wins' identified included:

- Special interest groups should be re-established and used to strengthen relationships, promote collaboration, share skills and support communication;
- Implementation of the Health Protection Stocktake;
- Establish a service improvement network in public health in Scotland to support local and regional planning and NPF work;
- Agree collectively what is not a "core" public health role which has to be retained;
- A renewed emphasis in collaboration at regional and national using a set of guiding principles to inform this;
- Creating (on the ScotPHN website) the means to share work and base practice);
- Making more effective use of skills across Scotland, refreshing the use of the public health skills database to do this;
- Create better opportunities for ScotPHN to engage more fully with specialist public health at the local level;
- Agree a mechanism to create a more focussed approach to public health workforce planning with key partners (eg NES, FPH); and
- Create (or support the creation of) a Scottish Public Health Outcomes Framework with key partner agencies and national and local level.

Overall, the aim of the report and national discussion has been to produce a positive, forward looking New Ways of Working Action Plan for publication across Scotland.

Taking it forward with the Scottish Directors of Public Health (SDsPH)

Feedback from the consultation has been discussed with the SDsPH. Broadly, ScotPHN has recommended that the NWW report recommendations

be adopted as a framework for a NWW Action Plan which would include areas for immediate and longer term development. A supporting Communication Strategy should be developed also.

Way Forward

The SDsPH have agreed this proposal and that the Action Plan should be divided between three strands of work. A Director of Public Health will lead each strand:

Asset based approach	Drew Walker, NHS Tayside
Implementation of the health protection stocktake	Eddie Coyle, NHS Fife
Best value/efficiency	Margaret Somerville, NHS Highland and Carol Davidson, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

These strands are currently being developed.

Timescales

The broad timescales for development and delivery of the NWW Action Plan are:

2012-13	Development stage
2013-14	Implementation starts
2014-15	Implementation completed
2015-16	Initial evaluation of benefits realised

What you can do in the meantime

- ScotPHN would be grateful for any local work that could be shared nationally to start a national repository of research, reports etc. Please email nhs.healthscotland-scotphn@nhs.net.
- ScotPHN would also welcome colleagues signing up for the database of public health specialism which can be achieved by registering on the ScotPHN website (<http://www.scotphn.net/pher/register>)

ScotPHN can be contacted at nhs.healthscotland-scotphn@nhs.net

Appendix 1



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