

**Public Health Reform**  
**Commission – Leadership for Public Health Research,**  
**Innovation and Applied Evidence**  
**Stakeholder Engagement Sessions**

**Event 3**

**30 January 2019, 09:45 – 13:00**

**COSLA Building – Verity House, 19 Haymarket Yards, Edinburgh. EH12 5BH**

**Background**

The Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) are undertaking a wide-ranging reform of the Public Health system in Scotland, creating a new national landscape for delivering better health and care for Scottish people. Part of this work is focussing on the creation of a new national agency for Scotland: Public Health Scotland. Using the best evidence to inform its work, the new agency will be expected to:

- create and sustain new relationships with those who build the evidence-base for public health; and
- develop the means by which the knowledge contained within evidence can be shared across, and applied by, all organisations and people in the co-creation of health and wellbeing.

Over recent months, stakeholders have been working with the team charged with making recommendations about the way in which we can better provide leadership for public health research, innovation and applied evidence. This work has reached a point where it has set out a range of functions that Public Health Scotland should undertake within this new public health system. But before the team reaches a final set of recommendations, it wishes to explore what the current proposed functions would mean for those who are directly involved in either creating evidence through research or applying such evidence to improving and protecting the health and wellbeing of Scottish people.

This event is aimed primarily at those who have **not** had any previous involvement in the work of Leadership for Public Health Research, Innovation and Applied Evidence Commission, but who may consider themselves to be an “end user” of research and evidence in undertaking public health activities. In this context we regard an end user as anyone (organisation or individual) who:

- creates evidence through research and who would want Public Health Scotland to work with them and use their evidence to inform public health activities; or
- applies research and evidence to inform the work that they do in improving or protecting health; or
- is interested in learning how the ways in which knowledge of “what works” is put into policy and practice, can be improved.

Indeed, anyone who has an interest in how Public Health Scotland will create, support, and develop the use of research and evidence for public health could be an “end user” and is encouraged to attend the event taking place on 30 January 2019.

## Aims of event

Specifically the event seeks to:

- consider the proposed PHRIAE function(s) for PHS with research and evidence users;
- explore implications for end users and their work; and
- discuss how this process of engagement will continue as Public Health Scotland develops this function.

## Programme

09:45 – 10:00	<b>Registration – Tea &amp; coffee</b>	
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and aims of the day	Chair – David Hunter, Emeritus Professor, Newcastle University
10:05 – 10:30	Update on the work of the Commission's Short Life Working Group and overview of the interim proposals to Public Health Reform Programme Board (including time for questions)	Phil Mackie, Scottish Public Health Network
10:30 – 11:00	Discussion 1: Will what is being proposed improve things? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will their organisation or role be improved if this is what PHS does?</li> <li>• What else is needed?</li> </ul>	Facilitated Discussion (members of the SLWG)
11:00 – 11:45	Discussion 2: Suggested changes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there ways in which these proposals may be less helpful?</li> <li>• What else is needed?</li> </ul>	Facilitated Discussion (members of the SLWG)
11:45 – 12:00	<b>Tea &amp; coffee</b>	
12:00 – 12:45	Discussion 3: Wider considerations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How could we measure successful research, innovation and applied evidence functions?</li> <li>• How should we create opportunities for ongoing engagement as PHS comes into existence?</li> </ul>	Facilitated Discussion (members of the SLWG)
12:45 – 13:00	Summing up and Next steps	David Hunter
13:00	<b>Close</b>	