

Update from the Special Interest Groups

Group:	Violence Prevention Public Health Interest Group
Chair: Deputy/Co-chair (if applicable):	Lucy Denvir
Member organisations:	Alcohol Focus Scotland, COSLA, Police Scotland, NHS Boards, Scottish Government, Violence Reduction Unit.
Aims of SIG:	<p>Improve work to prevent violence through Public Health action; to share experience, knowledge, and approaches for taking forward Public Health including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise the profile of violence prevention practice as a domain of Specialist Public Health Practice. • To provide an informal network of those involved in violence prevention work in Public Health; • To facilitate cross-Board collaborative work as appropriate; and • To provide a conduit to general advice on approaches to violence prevention practice and access to public health expertise across Scotland, as appropriate. <p>The scope of the VPPHIG will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing violence prevention Public Health to identify good practice; • Sharing examples of violence prevention Public Health; • Learning violence prevention Public Health through CPD and peer review; and • Supporting each other – for example, to help publish the results of our work
Describe the work undertaken in the last year and any impact.	<p>Regular meetings of public health interest and strategic group were being held then merged into a single group.</p> <p>A significant Stakeholder Event was held in February 2018 which achieved a high level of support.</p> <p>Relationships have developed with BSC, Police Scotland and the Violence Reduction Unit. In particular collaboration with the Police Scotland Violence Reduction Board and its sub-groups has been positive.</p> <p>Following the stakeholder event an extensive mapping of data and interventions has been conducted and subsequently developed a Violence Prevention Framework. This was published 21 June 2019.</p>

How has the SIG supported the wider system and Public Health Reform?	Through ScotPHN and individual members activity the Violence Prevention Group has sought to ensure violence prevention will be included in core Public Health priorities and Public Health Scotland functions across Protecting Health, Improving Health and Equalities / Human Rights areas.
Who has the SIG engaged with in the last year?	Member organisations as previously noted.
Is the SIG represented on any other national groups?	Police Scotland Violence Prevention Board. NHS Health Scotland Gender Based Violence Reference Group.
Has the SIG held any events in the last year?	None since February 2018
What are the main issues the SIG is considering currently?	Publication of Public Health Violence Prevention Framework in collaboration with partner agencies. Development of a formal network. Integration of violence prevention into work areas of Public Health Scotland.
What are the SIGs objectives for 2019-20?	To continue current work, but with the specific task of developing engagement on the framework through group members to a wide set of partners to help raise awareness of their role in primary prevention and can more readily embed within practice.