

Violence Prevention Public Health Interest Group

Remit

Purpose of the Interest Group

The aims of the Violence Prevention Public Health Interest Group (VPPHIG) are:

- to improve work to prevent violence through Public Health action ;
- to share experience, knowledge and approaches for taking forward Public Health including early stage ideas;
- 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.

Scope of the Interest Group

The scope of the IG shall include.

- **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

Membership of the Interest Group

Membership of the group will be open to all those working within Public Health Directorates, public health staff working in health care settings and academic groups and national agencies whose remit includes violence prevention.

The VPPHIG will be chaired by one of the members of the group

A link Director of Public Health will also be a member of the VPPHIG.

Frequency of meetings

The work of the group will be taken forward through regular meetings – up to 4 times per year. Specific work may be progressed by members of the group between meetings.

Venues for meetings

Venues will rotate according to wishes of group members. Video/Teleconference facilities will be provided where possible.

Reporting

The Interest group does not have a formal reporting line initially but will produce a brief annual summary of its activities which will be shared with specialist public health colleagues through Directors of Public Health.

Remit of the group

The remit and membership of the group will be reviewed in 18 months and regularly thereafter – at least every two years.

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