

Statement from the Scottish Health Promotion Managers Group regarding The Review of the Public Health Function in Scotland

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The Scottish Health Promotion Mangers Group welcome this report from Scottish Government and the recognition of the significant number of agencies, including Health Promotion/Improvement, who contribute to improving health and addressing health inequalities.

We endorse the recommendations within the review and along with the rest of the Public Health Family we are keen to be involved in the implementation of the recommendations and strengthening the Public Health function.

Scottish Health Promotion Managers have a key role to play in shaping and delivering the key areas outlined within the review. This involves strengthening organisational arrangements for health improvement/ promotion at all levels; contributing to the proposed national Public Health Strategy; reviewing leadership and succession planning as it pertains to our profession, and ensuring that our workforce are sufficiently skilled to make a significant contribution in all areas of public health.

This is in addition to us working directly with Community Planning Partnerships, Health and Social Care Partnerships and the wider public health workforce to maximise their role in public health.

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