

## **Primary Care Public Health Group**

### **PURPOSE AND REMIT FOR PRIMARY CARE PUBLIC HEALTH SUBGROUP**

#### **Purpose (long-term objectives)**

*The purpose of the Primary Care Public Health Subgroup is to provide leadership and coordination of the specialist public health function in order to reduce inequalities and improve the health of the population through the design, planning, implementation, quality improvement and evaluation of primary care health services. The subgroup will provide a professional forum for discussion and debate and will provide a route through which stakeholders can access expertise and consensus opinion in relation to public health aspects of primary care. The scope of action should relate to both service quality and health improvement/disease prevention issues relating to primary care services.*

#### **Membership**

The membership of the subgroup will initially be restricted to health service public health consultants and specialists working with primary care services. In due course, the membership will be widened to include wider input from primary care and other stakeholders in pursuit of shared outcomes.

Key stakeholders for the group include PHSIIG, DsPH, ScotPHN, Pharmacy Network, SGPC, Scottish Government Primary Care Directorate, local primary care leads, primary care professional leads including general practice, nursing, physiotherapy, and other professions.

#### **Priorities/objectives (short-term objectives)**

- Form a stable, useful subgroup which adds value to specialists working in primary care public health
- Creates intelligence to drive improved population health and equity through action in primary care
- Person-centred, inequality sensitive care planning
- Inequalities in outcomes/demand/supply/use
- Community-orientated PC
- Support for primary care improvement planning
- Unscheduled care
- Provide advice to support public health reform in Scotland

**Ways of working**

The meetings will be held monthly or bimonthly as the need requires, being held in Edinburgh or Glasgow with teleconference and VC facilities and support from ScotPHN for logistics. The outputs from the meetings will be reported to the PHSIIG.

**Resources**

Members should identify DPC time within the job plan to attend and contribute to the subgroup. Where a piece of new subgroup work is identified, colleagues should identify and agree locally that there is DPC time within their job plan for this work.

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