

Primary Care Public Health Group

Terms of Reference

1. The aim of the Primary Care Public Health Group is to support service improvement activity within primary care which improves the health of the population and reduces health inequalities.
2. The group will provide an opportunity for professional dialogue, knowledge transfer, and the coordination and commissioning of health service improvement work for primary care.
3. The Primary Care Public Health Group is constituted as a Subgroup of the Public Health Service Improvement Interest Group (PHSIIG).
4. The chair of the group shall be elected from the membership of the subgroup and will serve for a period of two years. Several individuals may share the chairing of the group with the agreement of the membership of the group.
5. The membership of the group will initially be open to all public health staff in Scotland who are working to improve services within primary care. It is intended that the scope of membership will be widened in due course to include a variety of primary care and other relevant stakeholders.
6. A specific role for the group will be the provision of specialist public health advice relating to primary care. Key stakeholders include the Directors of Public Health, the Public Health Review and its commissions, HSCP/IJBs, GP clusters, primary care leads, Scottish Government, SCPC, RCGP, Pharmacy Network, the Primary Care Evidence Collaborative, NES, and HIS. This list is not intended to be exhaustive and will be refined over time.
7. The frequency of group meetings will be decided by the group membership.
8. Meetings will normally be held in Glasgow and Edinburgh with TC/VC facilities being available. Alternative venues can be agreed by the group.
9. The group will agree an annual workplan which will meet the aim and objectives to be taken forward through the actions of the group.
10. Where commissioned activity is being performed at a regional or national level, it is recommended that the member(s) performing the work should have an explicit time commitment identified and agreed within their jobplan or workplan.
11. The chair(s) of the group will provide reports on the activity of the group to the PHSIIG on a regular basis.
12. The Scottish Public Health Network will provide administrative support for the group.

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