Public Health Review Process and Engagement

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Presentation Overview

> Welcome on-going engagement

Provide background and describe process

> Feedback on what we have heard

> Introduce themes for developing today

Review Process

➤ Announced November 2014

> Review Group inaugural meeting Dec 2014

➤ Engagement Paper Jan 2014

➤ Responses March 2015

Ongoing Activity

- > Analysis of engagement responses
- ➤ Analysis of Evidence
- > Additional contributions arising from meetings
- > Regional workshops
- > Review Group sessions

Planned activity

> All of these ongoing strands inform review

> Take stock of information gathered

➤ Make recommendations to Ministers

Outcome Expectations

> Strengthen the contribution of Public Health

➤ Maximise the effectiveness and efficiency

> Achieve consistency where this enhances

Ensure responsiveness and resilience

Engagement Responses

> 117 responses across a range of organisations

> Reflective, knowledgeable, complex

> Engaging, challenging and positive

Themes emerge across responses to all questions

What we heard



Overarching

- > Role of Public Health in Community Planning
- > Relationship with integrated Health & Social Care
- ➤ Raise profile of Public Health
- > More focus on wider determinants of health
- Delivery at local level

Partnership

➤ Working with Communities



Asset based approaches



- > Shared understanding, develop common goals
- ➤ Resourcing
- funding
- public health capacity
- time to nurture
- ➤ Get the language right

Leadership

- > Important at all levels
- > Acknowledge scope to strengthen
- Working across boundaries challenging
- > Role of Director of PH valuable locally
- Discussed leadership models and training

Population Advocate

Independent

Engaging with local communities

Being more visible

Workforce

- > Strength diverse, highly skilled, professional
- > Identify and utilise wider workforce
- > Develop career structure and pathways
- ➤ Desire for Practitioner Registration
- > Training to develop and maintain competence
- > Public Health Networks

Themes for today

➤ Upstream Focus

Agreeing what is done locally/regionally/nationally

➤ Outcomes

➤ Involving Communities