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# Scottish Government Population Health Framework – Development and Engagement

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*For Discussion*

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<b>List of Background Papers:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix Number 1 Overview of Scottish Government Population Framework</b>

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Scottish Government have been working in partnership with COSLA to develop a Population Health Framework for Scotland. The purpose of the framework is to accelerate the improvement and recovery of population health in Scotland through a coherent long-term framework of whole system, primary preventative action. During September 2024, Scottish Government have been undertaking engagement with wider partners on this framework. This paper provides the Transformation and Innovation/Futures Committee with an overview of the contents of the draft framework and is intended to stimulate discussion of what publication of this framework might mean for future Integration Joint Board Directions.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The IJB Transformation, and Innovation/Futures Committee is asked to:**
- **Note that Scottish Government intend to publish a population health framework for Scotland in December 24/January 25.**
  - **Discuss the opportunities this framework may provide in relation to commissioning activity for Health and Wellbeing Outcome 1: People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer and Outcome 5: Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities.**

## 3. Background and Main Report

- 3.1 In recognition of the reduction in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy and widening of health inequalities seen in Scotland (and replicated locally in Dumfries and Galloway), Scottish Government has agreed to work with COSLA to develop a Population Health Framework with the aim of accelerating improvement and recovery of population health in Scotland through a coherent long term framework of whole system, primary preventative action. The framework aims to provide action across the life course on the key drivers of population health including Socio-economic factors, Places and Communities, Healthy living, Equitable Health and Care and Prevention focussed system. The framework also proposes guiding principles of:
- Prioritising and creating and maintaining good health and preventing ill health
  - A focus on supporting the people and communities who need it most
  - Changing systems and environments to support individuals to stay healthy
  - Delivery of a whole system approach nationally and locally.
- 3.2 In September 2024, Scottish Government issued a draft framework document and asked Directors of Public Health to undertake local engagement on the framework with particular focus on Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) in recognition of their role in supporting whole system response. Please see **Appendix 1** for copy of engagement presentation outlining purpose of framework, proposed areas of action and questions for consideration.
- 3.3 The framework was shared with Dumfries and Galloway CPP who asked their Senior Leadership team to develop a response on their behalf which was approved and shared with Scottish Government. A short workshop was held with NHS Board members on the framework and 3 further engagement sessions were held with an open invite to colleagues working in Health and Social Care who were interested in

this area. Feedback from these workshops was collated and also shared with Scottish Government colleagues.

3.4 Scottish Government colleagues are now considering the feedback received from their engagement processes from across Scotland and intend to publish a population health framework in December 2024/January 2025.

3.5 Following publication of the framework there will be a need to consider what the framework means in terms of local response. A key question that was asked as part of the engagement was *What would make this framework different from what has come before?* This is a particularly pertinent question given the financial pressures faced.

3.6 In the IJB annual report for 23/24 it was highlighted that there were no directions issued in relation to Strategic Commissioning Intention (SCI) 3: People and Communities are enabled to self manage and supported to be more resilient, and only 1 direction issued in relation to SCI 2: Fewer people experience health and social care inequalities. Whilst there is work ongoing throughout the health and social care partnership in relation to these two SCIs this occurs without specific direction and it was recognised in the Audit Scotland report that IJBs need to be more active in shifting the focus towards prevention and early intervention – a sentiment expressed during discussion in relation to the IJB Annual performance report at its September meeting and in the subsequent workshop on the Audit Scotland report.

3.7 Whilst there are likely to be areas of action within the published framework that sit outwith the IJB areas of delegated function, the IJB could still play a role in ensuring that we keep focus on improving population health and reducing health inequalities during the challenging times we face through exercising its powers of direction in relation to SCI 2 and SCI 3.

3.8 Following publication of the framework the Innovation and Transformation committee might wish to consider how this framework could be used to direct activity to achieve focus on SCI 2 and SCI 3. The NHS Board's Public Health Committee will also consider its approach to responding to the published framework at its meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. A verbal update on this will be provided at the committee meeting.

#### **4. Conclusions**

4.1 As a strategic commissioning body it is important that the IJB is cited on the development of the Scottish Governments population health framework.

4.2 The published framework provides an opportunity for the IJB to consider how this might influence future directions in relation to SCI 2 and SCI 3.

#### **5. Resource Implications**

5.1 There are no resource implications associated with this paper it is for noting and discussion.

#### **6. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy**

6.1 This paper does not have any direct impact on IJB outcomes or Strategic

Commissioning intentions at this stage but alerts the IJB to the possibility to consider use of the Population Health Framework to support development of directions to in relation to the following Health and Wellbeing Outcomes and Strategic Commissioning Intentions. Outcome 1: People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer, SCI3: People and communities are enabled to self manage and supported to be more resilient. Outcome 5: Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities SCI2: Fewer people experience health and social care inequalities.

**7. Legal and Risk Implications**

7.1 There are no legal risks associated with this paper.

**8. Consultation**

8.1 There has not been consultation on the content of this paper but the feedback on the framework to Scottish Government was provided by the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership and the engagement workshops included NHS Board members and staff working in the Health and Social Care partnership.

**9. Equality Impact Assessment**

9.1 This paper does not require an Equality Impact Assessment as it for discussion and noting.

**10. Glossary**

<b>CPP</b>	<b>Community Planning Partnership</b>
<b>IJB</b>	<b>Integration Joint Board</b>
<b>SCI</b>	<b>Strategic Commissioning Intention</b>