# Approved note NORTH OF SCOTLAND PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK (NoSPHN) Steering Group Meeting by videoconference

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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, 2:30 – 5:00pm

Present:

Louise Wilson Director of Public Health NHS Orkney / NoSPHN Lead (Chairing)

Susan Webb Interim Director of Public Health, NHS Grampian

Chris Littlejohn Consultant in Public Health – Health Improvement, NHS Grampian

Hugo van Woerden Director of Public Health, NHS Highland Sarah Taylor Director of Public Health, NHS Shetland

Kerry Russell Associate Director, North of Scotland Planning Group (NoSPG)

Ann Conacher Manager, ScotPHN

Pip Farman Public Health Specialist / North of Scotland Public Health Network Co-ordinator

NB Not all members were in attendance for all items, items were not taken in order but are reported in numerical order.

63/15 Apologies – had been received from Maggie Watts and Jim Cannon

### **64/15** Minute of the last meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The minute of the last meeting was approved and members gave no reason why the papers / minutes of the last meeting should not be made available by open access on the internet.

LB

Action

#### 65/15 Matters arising from the last meeting and not on the agenda

 Dental Public Health Support options update (NHSO) – Louise advised that the NHSO Clinical Dental post was out for recruitment and Pip noted that Jonathon Iloya (NHSG) was supportive of a discussion to understand dental public health needs in the context of wider NoS collaborative working discussions.

LW/JI

 DCE data – Louise noted that following discussion at the last meeting she had sent NHSO DCE data to Jim Cannon (NoSPG) and was awaiting feedback. Kerry agreed to follow up.

KR

Custody Health and Forensic Services – following a request for a nomination from NoSPHN
for the work stream it had been agreed that NoSPHN was not in a position to nominate a
representative but that Maggie Watts would be a nominated stakeholder for the work stream
and would liaise with NHSWI colleagues who were engaged to assess where Public Health
input might be needed. Kerry through Pip agreed to circulate the related PID to NoSPHN.

KR/PF

# 66/15 Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN) - updates 66.1 Updates / workplan

**a** ScotPHN Workplan update – Ann highlighted key points from the workplan in particular new work on end of life care. Current projects included the scoping of gambling and podiatry work. With regard MESH implants, an interim report was to go to the Parliamentary Committee - the ScotPHN input being the Public Health element of that. Acquired Brain Injury was the next stage focus for long term conditions (LTC) work. Further work for the next year was still at the scoping stage.

Louise asked about LTC work to support IJB's and how ScotPHN work would be supporting / aligning to IJB's. Ann noted difficulties of getting nominations to progress work but agreed to take this back to ScotPHN for discussion.

AC

#### 67/15 North of Scotland Planning Group / programmes

**67.1 Feedback from NoSPG meetings** (NoSPG papers are available at <a href="http://www.nospg.nhsscotland.com">http://www.nospg.nhsscotland.com</a>).

**a** NoSPG meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Sarah noted that Cathie Cowan had suggested that the NoSPHN Phase 1 Securing and Strengthening work programme be presented at the June NoSPG meeting. The group noted that they would be happy to present work to NoSPG and Pip agreed with Kerry to clarify expectations with Jim Cannon.

PF/KR

Sarah updated on a proposal to move towards a Chief Executive held portfolio approach at NoSPG which she anticipated would drive some changes a NoSPG eg at the NoSIPG, and highlighted the need to retain public health input at NoSPG which Kerry felt would be continued to be welcomed. Noting that Sarah would no longer be attending NoSPG Pip agreed with Kerry to ensure continued NoSPHN representation

PF/KR

Kerry advised that NoSPG were continuing to review priorities and highlighted ongoing work on

decision making re Upper GI cancer services and the oncology services work stream.

#### 67.2 Update on NoSPG workplan / programme developments:

a NoS Clinical strategy developments and NoSPHN nomination - Hugo advised that he had been invited to sit on the Project Board but had not been able to attend first meeting but Jenny Wares (NHSG) had attended as his representative. Kerry highlighted a likely need for some demographics work for the Project Board before the end of May. Hugo advised that he had asked Jenny Wares (NHSH) to support this.

HvW

Louise asked whether the regional strategy was intended to be a regional implementation plan for the national strategy or a separate strategy and Kerry advised that the group was currently exploring what aspects of the national strategy might be different in the NoS and therefore the focus for the NoS plan and welcomed input into discussion. The strategy was expected to be ready before the November 2016 NoSPG event.

**b** Major Trauma – noting national developments and NoS concerns with regard the Major Trauma work stream, the models being considered and the assessment of these, the group agreed to highlight public health concerns to Craig Bell the national programme manager and copy this to NoSPG. Pip agreed to liaise with Sarah, Maria Rossi (NHSG) and Shen Gills (NHSH) to progress.

ST/PF

c Population of 1.3 Million developments / cancer intelligence developments -- Pip noted that a scoping meeting had been arranged for the 26th April on behalf of NOSCAN and William Moore (NHSG) was with Pip leading on this.

#### 68/15 **Public Health Network Workplan** 68.1 Update on NoSPHN programmes of work

#### **Health Protection**

NoS Island Health Protection Resilience / rota developments - members updated on developments highlighting that the current rota was sustainable in the short term and that work was ongoing to explore alternative arrangements through NHS Grampian and other Boards or thereafter locally agreed arrangements. Cathie Cowan had noted her intention to raise the issues nationally. Colleagues agreed to discuss further at the next NoSPHN Securing and Strengthening meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

DsPH/PF

Health Improvement - feedback from Health Improvement Collaborative meeting 26th February. Pip noted that the group had discussed a range of issues and related actions had been highlighted for the NoSPHN action plan including shared interests / concerns around: reducing funding; integration development; practitioner and specialist registration; national developments which may influence future the regional agenda including the Public Health strategy (into which Cathy Steer (NHSH) was inputting) and the Shared Services review; and SHWL.

#### c Futures thinking / planning

i Securing and Strengthening Public Health Functions in the NoS (Phase 2 plans). The group discussed the next phase of the work programme noting the next meeting of the working group was to be on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. A number of suggestions for action had been highlighted which would be incorporated into the NoSPHN workplan including proactive work in support of the Public Health Review and Shared Services Review and the potential to identify 1 or 2 practical pieces of work for delivery at a NoS level that would ease delivery issues in Boards (ie must do pressures) and test ways of collaborative working.

d Public Health Review (PHR) and Shared Services Review (SSR) - members updated on developments highlighting that Andrew Fraser and Carol Davidson were to meet with Gareth Brown (SG) to understand how the SDsPH group could support / offer leadership to the SSR work programme. The SSR PID was to go to the national Board Chief Executives Group and Ann agreed to highlight nationally and appraise Pip of timelines / the availability of papers such that the group could brief the BCE's. Ann noted the review was to focus on functions (not structures) and would not duplicate feedback already gathered through the Public Health review but that NoSPHN would be approached with a view to supporting next step consultations / mapping work.

AC/PF

AC/PF

Members asked that given the range of work streams that were being generated in response to the Public Health Review and Shared Services Review that these be mapped nationally and the interrelationships highlighted. NoSPHN could then use this to maximise briefings to BCE's and feed in NoS perspectives. Ann agreed to suggest nationally.

**68.2 Proposals for new work / other developments –** referring to the paper circulated which summarised all suggested new and ongoing NoSPHN developments for 2016/17 members discussed the need for prioritisation and agreed to the identification of the top 3 high visibility pieces of work for the year. Key suggestions included:

- Staying sighted on, positioning NoSPHN and appropriate input with regards the national reviews / work streams
- Review of the Islands Bill (including developing a remote and rural proofing assessment checklist which might also be used to support other national work)
- IJB developments (public health input) including exploring NoSPHN developments with IJB's / with IJB leads and an IJB event
- CPP developments
- The island health protection arrangements / rota
- Maintaining a presence at NoSPG
- Maintaining visibility and leadership
- Exploring further cross board work (through live issues)
- Support to the defined and practitioner registration schemes.

Louise noted that the suggestions made for a very challenging agenda ahead and that NoSPHN's focus might need to be different from previous. Pip agreed to work with colleagues to further refine the priorities and scope the work suggested.

Pip / All

AC

### 68.3 NoSPHN Workplan 2015/16

- a Workplan update Members noted the updated plan and progress.
- **b** NoSPHN budget 2015/16 and funding 2016/17 Pip updated on the 2015/16 budget position noting recent spend to support a defined specialists support session and members agreed that support for the practitioner scheme and attendance at the Brighton Faculty conference might be further priorities should spend allow.

PF

c Specific updates from key groups / programmes and related actions not on the agenda Members noted the updates with thanks highlighting the need to develop/better utilise social media platforms. Pip and Ann agreed to liaise with respect to ScotPHN developments which might be of support.

PF/AC

### 69/15 AOCB

 UHI updates – Hugo highlighted developments between NHS Highland and UHI suggesting a need to map links with all academic groups in the NoS to support for example aligning work with student dissertation subjects.

HvW

Call for abstracts for the 2016 Faculty conference – NoSPHN focus – Pip noted that the call
for abstracts would likely be announced shortly and asked for suggestions for a NoSPHN
focus for these.

ALL

Familial Hypercholesterolemia – Pip highlighted a query from Mike Bisset (NoSPG Medical Director) seeking a PH view on the need for a national screening scheme – which had been raised a number of times at a regional level – prompted by calls to secure funding for Heart UK funded nurses in NHSH, Grampian and Tayside. The group suggested approaching Mike Crilly (NHSG) for advice and referring Mike Bisset to Deirdre Evans NSS.

PF

• Funding bundles – noting the new funding bundles, anticipated cuts in funding and how Boards were managing these the group agreed to monitor change and for these to be summarised at a NoS level and to highlight concerns through the SDsPH group.

PF LW

In recognition of Sarah's retirement the group presented Sarah with a card and gifts, noting with thanks the significant contributions Sarah had made to public health at local, NoS and national levels and wished her well in her retirement.

**70/15 Items to be brought forward to future meetings:** Members are asked to highlight and agree items for the next meeting and items for future discussion

ΑII

**71/15 Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 31st May, 2.30 – 5.00pm

Tuesday 23rd August, 2:30 – 5:00pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1.30 – 4:00pm