

SSC Review of Screening

Introduction

Welcome to the second update of the Scottish Screening Review.

Following the first newsletter which was published in March, significant progress has been made with the screening review. In order to keep stakeholders updated on progress, this newsletter will cover key developments and news about the project.

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Update 2 – June 2018**

The Ask

The Scottish Government is committed to promoting public health in Scotland. Our six national screening programmes (AAA, Bowel, Breast, Cervical, Diabetic Retinopathy and Pregnancy and Newborn) provide key opportunities to deliver health benefits for large numbers of our population. Given the broader changing landscape around public health and challenging new developments in Scotland, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing has requested the Chair* of the Scottish Screening Committee (SSC) to undertake a review of how screening programmes are managed and delivered in Scotland.

Recap of Delivery and Timeline

A Review of Screening Project Board is overseeing the work on behalf of the Chair of the SSC. It will meet during 2017 – 2018 to consider issues and gather evidence to propose a set of recommendations.

A **Project Board** and **Project Team** have been assembled to deliver the SSC Review of Screening Project.

SSC Review of Screening Project Board Future Meeting dates:

- 20th June 2018
- 29th October 2018

Phase 1 Aug – Sept 17

A series of very successful engagement events across Scotland took place to launch the review, test thinking and to develop the key themes that the review should consider. Building on this contribution from the screening community in Scotland, the Project Team has been progressing five key themes which have several important cross-cutting themes:

- Commissioning Approaches for Screening
- Roles and Responsibilities in Commissioning, Delivery and Governance of Programmes
- IT and eHealth Support for Screening
- Internal Governance Arrangements for National Screening Programmes
- External Quality Assurance

Important cross-cutting themes: accountability, leadership for screening and responsiveness of the screening community to change underpin our approach.

Phase 2 has developed the contribution of the screening community identified in Phase 1 and established an evidence gathering exercise from October 2017 – March 2018. This allowed us to provide reassurances as to what works well within our six screening programmes, the challenges that need to be solved and to highlight opportunities for improvement. Evidence gathered so far has come from:

- Screening Coordinators
- Governance Group Chairs
- Directors of Public Health
- NSD Senior Programme Managers
- Public Health England, Public Health Wales and Public Health Agency (Northern Ireland)
- Clinical Leads and Clinical Directors

Discussions have also taken place with key leads for the Public Health Reform to explore the potential links between screening and the new Public Health body in Scotland. Work is ongoing to further understand this interface and where the linkages could be made in the future.

Phase 2 Sept 17 – March 18

Current Phase

Phase 3
May – June
18

We have been aligning the thinking that has emerged from the five themes, towards developing a consensus on the management and delivery of the six national screening programmes in Scotland. We have focussed on the importance of leadership, accountabilities and responsibilities of future arrangements.

Key emerging suggestions from the screening community

Clarity of roles and responsibilities required

One body should be identified as having executive responsibility for Screening in Scotland

Governance Programme Boards should be established for each screening programme

Specialist IT input required within screening

Detailed specifications for the commissioning of Screening Programmes are required with a 'once for Scotland' approach

Focused external review process required

Strengthening of relationship between HIS and Governance Groups required

Timely access to data should underpin Governance Programme Boards

To share our thinking with the screening community across Scotland to shape our approaches and achieve consensus for the recommendations, a number of approaches and mechanisms will be utilised.



Sharing
the
thinking

Stakeholder engagement events are being planned to take place in August and September to discuss and gather feedback on the proposed recommendations. Following these events, the report will be updated to reflect the thinking and outcomes. Dates and venues for the stakeholder events will be circulated in the coming weeks.

A Review of Screening report will be submitted to the Chair of the SSC prior to its meeting in **November 2018**.

More Information

For more information, enquiries or to give feedback about the project, please email:

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