

**Minute of the North of Scotland  
Public Health Network Steering Group Meeting**

Wednesday 27 October 2010, 2:00 – 4:30 pm  
All members joined by video or teleconference

**NORTH OF SCOTLAND  
PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK**

**Present:**

Sarah Taylor, NoSPHN Lead and Director of Public Health, NHS Shetland (*Chair*)  
Pip Farman, North of Scotland Public Health Network Co-ordinator  
Margaret Somerville, Director of Public Health, NHS Highland  
Angus MacKiggan, Well North Regional Co-ordinator  
Ann Conacher, ScotPHN Coordinator, ScotPHN  
Emma Witney, Partnership Manager, NHS Health Scotland  
Ruth Freeman, Consultant in Dental Public Health NHS, for Item 30.3

**In attendance:**

Alex Medcalf, NHS Highland (*Minute*)

NB Not all members were in attendance for all items. The items were not taken in consecutive order but are presented here in numerical order.

Members of the Group and those attending the meeting should be aware that their names will be listed in the minutes/papers, which will be published on the web.

		Action
33/10	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> Apologies were noted from Sheila Scott, Noelle O'Neill, Elaine Garman, Sally Amor, Ann Conacher, Colin Gilmour, Martin Malcolm, Susan Vaughan, Lesley Wilkie, Sharon Pflieger and Gillian Lewis.	
34/10	<b>Minutes of last meeting (25 August 2010)</b> The minutes were read and approved for accuracy. Members gave no reason as to why the papers / minutes of the last meeting should not be made available by open access on the NoSPHN website.	AM
35/10	<b>Matters Arising not on the agenda</b>  <b>Board approaches to Statutory Consultations on Pollution and Prevention Control (PPC)</b> Following previous discussions on the potential for joint working or support relating to Boards' advisory role on PPC applications and whether there could be a national perspective to this Phil agreed to summarise issues from the ScotPHN perspective in a paper for circulation / comment.	PM
	<b>Emergency Planning Arrangements</b> The Group agreed to invite Tom Lafferty to present to the next NoSPHN meeting with to focus on the potential for Common Approaches to Civil Contingencies. It was proposed that the revised NoS MOU for Surge Capacity be presented as a linked Item also.	PF
	<b>Disinvestment approaches</b> It was agreed that as work was being progressed nationally and NoSPG had discussed and agreed that there was nothing to be gained by work on a NoS basis, that NoSPHN work would not be pursued. A number of members present highlighted local work that might be of interest and all agreed to share for information relevant papers.	ALL
	<b>Primary Prevention National working group</b> Ann Conacher had clarified after the last meeting that Drew Walker had been nominated as the DPH to sit on the National Primary Prevention Steering Group. Pip agreed to e-mail Drew highlighting the Groups concern to ensure remote and rural interests were recognised by the Group.	PF
	<b>Remote and Rural Research Agenda – discussions with RGU / Aberdeen University</b> Lesley had agreed to test with RGU and Aberdeen Universities that if NoSPHN had Remote and Rural Research questions how NoSPHN might influence their workstreams / capacity to undertake work. Susan agreed to follow this up with Lesley.	SW/LW

## **DPH NHS Orkney**

It was noted that Louise Wilson was due to start on the 1st November 2010.

### **36/10 Public Health Network Workplan**

#### **36.1 Public Health Overview / action plan**

The group noted that there was nothing to update and that the Health Protection Group had now met.

#### **Public Health and Healthcare Quality Framework**

Pip advised that the 'Public Health and Quality Paper' had been presented to the Scottish DsPH meeting on the 17th September and that this had subsequently been revised for submission to the CMO. The paper had been circulated to DsPH and was due to be discussed at the DsPH away day in November. Members noted the report given.

#### **36.2 NoSPHN Workplan 2010 – 2011**

##### **a Workplan update (10/11)**

Members noted the updated paper circulated.

##### **b Specific updates from Groups / programmes not on the agenda**

Members noted the update and asked that a copy of the ADTC Collaborative e-mail (including the distribution list) circulated by Sharon Pfleger be sent to DsPH so that DsPH could follow up with those in Boards who had not responded.

PF/SP

#### **36.3 Well North – Remote and Rural Anticipatory Care Project update**

Members noted and thanked Angus for his update. In discussion Angus highlighted that Ministers (and policy staff) were committed to bridging the funding gap to 2011/12 and were awaiting the outcome of the spending review before issuing letters to Boards. Similar funding to this year was anticipated.

The consultation on the H8 target was ongoing. Members noted that there was good representation from the North on the Keep Well Extension Board (Sarah Taylor, Elaine Garman and Christina Bichan) and Sarah encouraged members to feedback on issues to these representatives prior to the meeting on the 29th October.

#### **36.4 Health Improvement Collaborative**

Members noted the update which highlighted work on:

- Lessons learned from Well North
- Workforce development (with a potential focus on Health Promotion Specialist staff in Boards)
- Social marketing
- Cancer and Inequalities (a paper had been developed by Gillian Lewis)
- A range of other actions that were or had, been discussed or pursued through the Group (eg Confidence to Cook Training, Towards A Mentally Flourishing Scotland Workforce Development Consultation and a Review of Annexe 6 submissions).

Pip noted that Colin Gilmour (NHSWI) had highlighted a concern he had to look at Rural Inequalities in relation to HEAT targets and for example universal health checks. After discussion the Group noted the need to ensure:

- Any further discussions on this linked in Health Intelligence leads.
- Views from Boards were fed into discussions at the Keep Well Extension Board.
- Comments were fed in time to align to any decision making processes/timescales (eg John Connaghan's consultation on mainstreaming of Keep Well/Well North).

Margaret proposed discussing the issue with Margaret Brown (Head of Planning NHS). Pip agreed to approach Colin to scope the issues / agree what might need to be achieved with regard to a NoS position.

PF/CG

#### **36.5 Faculty Conference 2011**

Noting the Faculty Conference was in 2 weeks Pip had sought confirmation that the event was

due in the North next year. Phil advised that the Health Services Events Organisation would be organising the event but that discussions were still underway with regards to financial imperatives and the number of days the event would run over. Members noted that representatives would likely be sought to sit on a working group (a minimum of one from each of the NoS Boards was proposed) and agreed to canvass staff for interest and possible themes for the event.

ALL

### **37/10 North of Scotland Planning Group**

#### **37.1 Feedback from NoSPG (8 September) and Integrated Planning Group (21 October)**

Members noted the update circulated. Sarah highlighted that the relevant items discussed at the IPG meeting - Horizon scanning and Remote and Rural Bias update work – were both on this agenda separately.

#### **37.2 National Remote and Rural workstream**

##### **a Remote and Rural Implementation Group (RRIG)**

Sarah highlighted that the final meeting of RRIG had been held on the 16th September and that some of the workstreams remained ongoing. The final RRIG report had been circulated (Pip agreed to source for those who had not seen). NoSPG/RRIG events were being organised to share / discuss the outcomes of the overall work (Highland event scheduled for the 30th Nov – the rest had still to be organised). Pip understood that there was no specific input from NoSPHN required.

##### **b Review of RGH Needs Assessment**

Pip noted that she and Susan Vaughan had spoken with/ received submissions from all RGH representatives and had now sent back to all written statements asking if they were happy for these to be shared with other RGHs. Pip hoped the work would be finalised shortly. Members noted developments.

#### **37.3 Dental Public Health**

##### **a Networking opportunities**

Lesley had agreed to discuss with Ruth Freeman sponsoring a Public Health discussion at the Regional Dentistry Group. Susan agreed to follow up with Lesley.

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##### **b Request for support in Restorative Dentistry**

Speaking to the paper circulated, Pip noted that she had been approached by Helen Strachan (NoS Oral Health and Dentistry Work Programme Manager) looking for support with the NoS Restorative Dentistry workstream. Pip noted that the request had been fed to DsPH by e-mail and she understood had been passed to CADO's and CDPH in Boards and that there had been subsequent discussions. Members noted that a collaborative Dental Public Health response / approach would be beneficial and Pip agreed to follow up and feed back on the overall response / position.

PF

#### **37.4 Horizon Scanning to Inform NoSPG Decision Making in the Future**

Speaking to the paper circulated Sarah highlighted discussion at NoSPG that had prompted the work and sought feedback from members to inform the scoping and capacity to deliver. The scoping had been discussed by NoSPG IPG who had welcomed the proposal and indicated that timescales should be set to enable the work to be robustly completed. It had also been suggested that the outcomes of the work should form the basis of a joint Public Health and Planning event in 2011.

Discussion highlighted that:

- The focus of the initial work would be to map existing work (and not conduct original work) and detail what it might mean for Boards in terms of forward planning and priority setting.
- There was an assumption that the information is out there but that it was possible that no evidence would be found to support future assumptions and that this needed to be explicit from the start and in feedback.
- Boards were progressing work already that might usefully be gathered or looked at from a NoS perspective.
- The parameters of the work would need to be clearly defined.
- Further collaborative work would only be agreed once the initial trawl and assessment of work had been completed.
- The focus for work should be about delivering better outcomes for patients.
- Public aspirations needed to be covered.

Sarah agreed to refine the document, with Pip, based on the discussion and circulate again for comment prior to discussion at NoSPG on the 1st December. Phil agreed to approach Public Health staff attached to QIS to see if they might be able to help with the work, and also review options for support from ScotPHN and colleagues in England. All members agreed to initiate discussion in Boards to explore how the work might be progressed (in terms of the range of inputs that might be required and capacity). Sarah agreed to test the work with Sara Davies in terms of the national Quality Strategy.

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ALL  
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### **37.5 Remote and Rural Bias work update**

Members noted with interest the paper circulated by Deidre Evans and agreed that whilst there was no further NoS Public Health input required to the work that there might be local Public Health interest in specific Boards use of national services. Sarah asked that any comments on the work be forwarded to Pip for sending to Deidre (NSD).

ALL

### **37.6 Children's Services Evaluation of impact of NoS Plan for Specialist Children's Services**

Pip updated on progress including:

- A second child health evaluation event had been held in Aberdeen on the 28th September which had been useful in identifying further issues that needed to be worked on and common issues between the workstreams.
- The Scottish Government had noted that money for specialist child health would be recurring – but the evaluation was still essential to demonstrate to Boards the benefits of the investment for patients.
- The use of the logic model continued to be well received.
- There were challenges for the evaluation in terms of data systems and recruitment to posts although there had been a number of developments and data was being gathered to inform the evaluation.
- NoSPHN had been asked by NoSPG to present with Ken Mitchell the logic model and how it related to child health work at the next NoSPG/Chairs meeting on the 1st December.

Members noted the update given.

### **37.7 NoS Weight Management Group (Bariatric surgery)**

Pip updated on work and noted in particular that following discussion at the last NoSPHN meeting a special meeting had been organised for the following week to review the overall programme of work to make sure key questions were not being missed. Detailed feedback / the final report was expected at the next NoSPHN meeting. Members noted the update.

## **38/10 Further Business**

### **38.1 Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN)**

Members noted with thanks the update given.

### **38.2 NHS Health Scotland**

Members noted the report circulated with thanks. Following earlier discussions Peter highlighted the need for all to feed views into the Scottish Government with regard to the development of HEAT targets and in particular in relation to inequalities.

All

## **39/10 AOCB**

Margaret asked Paul if there was any evidence the Kay Barton's round of presentations to service planners was having an impact for example impacts on developments re efficiency, quality and health improvement? Paul noted that he would check and feedback and also advised that he expected that such discussion would be being picked up through the Quality Hub and local quality champions and that local Boards should seek to reinforce discussions there.

PB

## **40/10 Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 15 December 2010 – 2pm – 4.30pm with video/teleconference venues.

2011 meeting dates had still to be agreed.

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