**North East Population Health Alliance Update June 2024**

The Alliance met on the 20th June.

Putting People First is NHS Grampian’s evolving new approach to engagement with citizens and colleagues. Luan Grugeon, NHS Grampian’s Strategic Development Manager, is leading these developments and provided an overview of the approach and information on the proof of concept areas being taken forward. These are community appointment days and rapid cycle feedback loops. NEPHA welcomed this approach with partners keen to optimise connectivity with existing networks and approaches e.g. place based approaches. All 3 HSCPs confirmed interest in exploring community appointment days. There was agreement that capturing the shared learning was important. Public Health Scotland (PHS’s) support is being sought for this.

NEPHA members took time to reflect on the past 12 months, since adopting its Strategic Partnership Agreement. They collectively considered PHS’s involvement in the Alliance and more widely NEPHA’s progress in relation to joint learning and action for population health improvement. The partners acknowledged the potential to deliver real value through the Alliance, with a sense that more prioritisation would facilitate the progress desired.

Michael Kellet, PHS updated NEPHA on PHS’s Partnership with the Institute of Health Equity to develop Marmot Places in Scotland. [Marmot Places](https://www.instituteofhealthequity.org/taking-action/marmot-places) has demonstrated success in other parts of the UK in tackling health inequalities. Community Planning Partners will be asked to complete a self-assessment process if they wish to participate in the programme. A series of engagement has taken place to ensure local decision makers are fully sighted on Marmot Places. NEPHA members agreed to undertake informal conversations across their teams and CPPs to explore local interest.

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