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

The Alliance met on the 4th April. A presentation was provided by Martin Murchie, Aberdeen City Council outlining early work undertaken by Aberdeen Health Determinants Research Collaboration to develop a North East Health Inequalities Atlas. This Atlas has the potential to provide a dedicated portal hosting partners’ health inequalities data to aid data informed practice. It was agreed that an incremental approach to the Atlas development will be taken. Initial steps will look to incorporate Police Scotland and PHS data.

The Joint Health Protection Plan 2024-26 was presented by Chris Littlejohn, NHS Grampian. There is a statutory requirement for the NHS Board and local authorities to produce a joint plan. Its development had been approached through the lens of the Director of Public Health Annual Report (Delivering Change Improving Lives) and the CMO for Scotland Annual Report (Realistic Medicine Doing the Right Thing). The Alliance acknowledged there are collective actions, for example joint public communications, that could further contribute to protecting the population health in addition to individual responsibilities of partners. It was agreed that colleagues would take the plan through relevant local reporting mechanisms.

A national population health plan is being jointly developed by the Scottish Government and COSLA with support from the Directors of Public Health and Public Health Scotland. A presentation and draft consensus statements considered at a recent whole system national event in March 2024 were shared with the Alliance. The plan is expected to be published in June 24 for wide engagement over the summer months before sign off in September. The Alliance agreed to actively inform the plan’s development to reflect the North East position. Consideration will be given to mapping local policies relevant to the consensus statements once national priorities are confirmed, to ascertain if local responses are optimal.

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