



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

Date of Meeting	22 August 2023
Report Title	Public Health Partnership Agreement
Report Number	TBC
Lead Officer	Sandra MacLeod
Report Author Details	Name: Fraser Bell Job Title: Chief Operating Officer Email Address: frbell@aberdeencity.gov.uk
Consultation Checklist Completed	Yes
Directions Required	No
Exempt	No
Appendices	NEPHA PHS Strategic Partnership Agreement Draft V1.5
Terms of Reference	5

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval of the entering into of a strategic partnership agreement with Public Health Scotland (PHS), as one of nine organisations comprising the North East Population Health Alliance (NEPHA).

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- a) approves the entering into of a strategic partnership agreement with Public Health Scotland;



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

- b) instructs the Chief Officer of the Integration Joint Board to execute the strategic partnership agreement on behalf of the Integration Joint Board; and
- c) instructs the Chief Officer to provide a progress report on the strategic partnership agreement at a meeting of the Integration Joint Board in 2024.

3. Strategic Plan Context

- 3.1. The proposed partnership agreement is consistent with the Board's Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and has the potential to act as a key enabler to the delivery of the Strategic Aims set out in the Plan.

4. Summary of Key Information

NEPHA is a forum which aims to develop a learning system that explores challenges and tests solutions to address health inequalities. The North East Population Health Alliance currently comprises nine partners; NHS Grampian, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership, Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Moray Council, Health & Social Care Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Police Scotland.

NEPHA has recently entered into dialogue with PHS with the aim of sharing expertise and collaborate where there is added value to doing so, for the benefit of the people of the North East of Scotland. The proposed partnership agreement appended to this report provides an opportunity to align the collective ambition of the NEPHA with the strategic aims of Public Health Scotland.

The agreement aims to facilitate collaboration between PHS and the NEPHA (comprising the nine respective organisations) to share and learn about key issues to build on our collective knowledge, share insights and use our collective capacity to improve population health outcomes. Specifically, the shared objective of the agreement is to improve population health and reduce inequalities across the North East of Scotland.



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

As the partnership matures, the work will likely evolve. Following assessment of need, PHS and NEPHA (comprising the respective nine organisations) will agree shared priorities. In year one, six high-level themes will be explored with a view to developing more detailed objectives over the life of the strategic agreement.

These are:

1. Develop a learning system that explores the challenges faced by the North East of Scotland, tests solutions, and implements what works at scale and pace.
2. Form collective knowledge, data, and evidence to shape more powerful collective conversations and action to achieve the vision of thriving communities living fulfilled lives.
3. Developing common data governance and system models to enable findable, accessible, interoperability and reusable data to support research, policy development and operational delivery such as the Persons at Risk Database (PARD) and local use of common identifiers, including CHI.
4. Collaboration on the commissioning and conduct of research on the wider determinants of health across the north east and the application of knowledge to practice locally and nationally.
5. Development of a baseline of prevention activity within the region with a view to establishing some targets for growth in activity.
6. Child poverty, the Drugs Mission and the eradication of homelessness will appear in detailed work plan because the commitment is established at a national and local level, and therefore we can maximise the tripartite collaboration on the achievement of these commitments.

The agreement is currently out for review and sign off by late summer 2023 across the respective governance structures of the organisations comprising the NEPHA. During this time the agreement may be subject to minor amendments as it moved through organisational approval processes. A final version will be shared with all organisations once the process of signing off has concluded.

5. Implications for IJB

5.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

The proposed partnership agreement seeks to address current health inequalities through greater collaboration between relevant agencies. No



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

policy change is proposed at this stage and so no Integrated Impact Assessment is required at this stage.

5.2. Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.3. Workforce

There are no direct workforce implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.4. Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.5. Unpaid Carers

There are no direct implications for unpaid carers arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.6. Information Governance

There are no direct information governance implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.7. Environmental Impacts

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.8. Sustainability



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations on the Board's duty to act sustainably.

6. Management of Risk

The recommendations are consistent with the Board's Risk Appetite Statement and pose no material risk to the Integration Joint Board.