



Scottish  
Volunteering  
Forum



Chest  
Heart &  
Stroke  
Scotland



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**LONELINESS**  
a threat to Scotland's health

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Working together  
to combat isolation

# Key Questions

- What should the national strategy encompass?
- What is the role of national vs local?
- Where are the opportunities for new action?
- What is key to making the strategy work?

# Scottish Gov't Direction 1

***Q: When it will develop the strategy?***

***A: “Developing a new approach” to social isolation over 2017.***

- **Will build on existing work** eg
  - Equal Opportunities Committee’s Inquiry into Social Isolation and Loneliness
  - Befriending Networks Summit
  - Informed by the best available evidence and research.
- **Engagement**

# Scottish Gov't Direction 2

***Q: Strategy supported by increased funding?***

***A: “Considering any funding implications”***

- ***No decisions made beyond 2016-17***

# Scottish Gov't Direction 3

***Q: Will strategy include measurable outcomes?***

***A: “Scottish Government analysts **working with NHS Health Scotland** on a review of evidence on social isolation and loneliness.”***

- ***Will **consult** with stakeholders in early 2017.***

# Going Forward

- **Where does this leave us?**
- **What should a national strategy do?**

# How can we best make a difference?

For example –

- Should a national strategy target **key groups**?
- Or should it identify interventions at particular **life stages**?
- Should it cover **all society**?

# Responsibilities

## Everyone has a role – not just third sector

- Is a change of attitude needed?
- How can a strategy help joint action?
- What can we do to better join the Third Sector together?



# What interventions?

- Possible **themes** eg - collaboration, policy, action, measurement, local vs national roles
- Highlight **successful interventions** and local action?
- Foster **design** and implementation of new interventions?

# Integrated Joint Boards

- **Key role** in taking action
- How – and who – can **influence** this?
- **Need data** to inform strategic decision making and spending

# Evaluation and Evidence

- **How** do we evidence the effectiveness of the strategy and particular interventions?
- **Who** will be responsible?

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