

Driving Improvements in Population Health

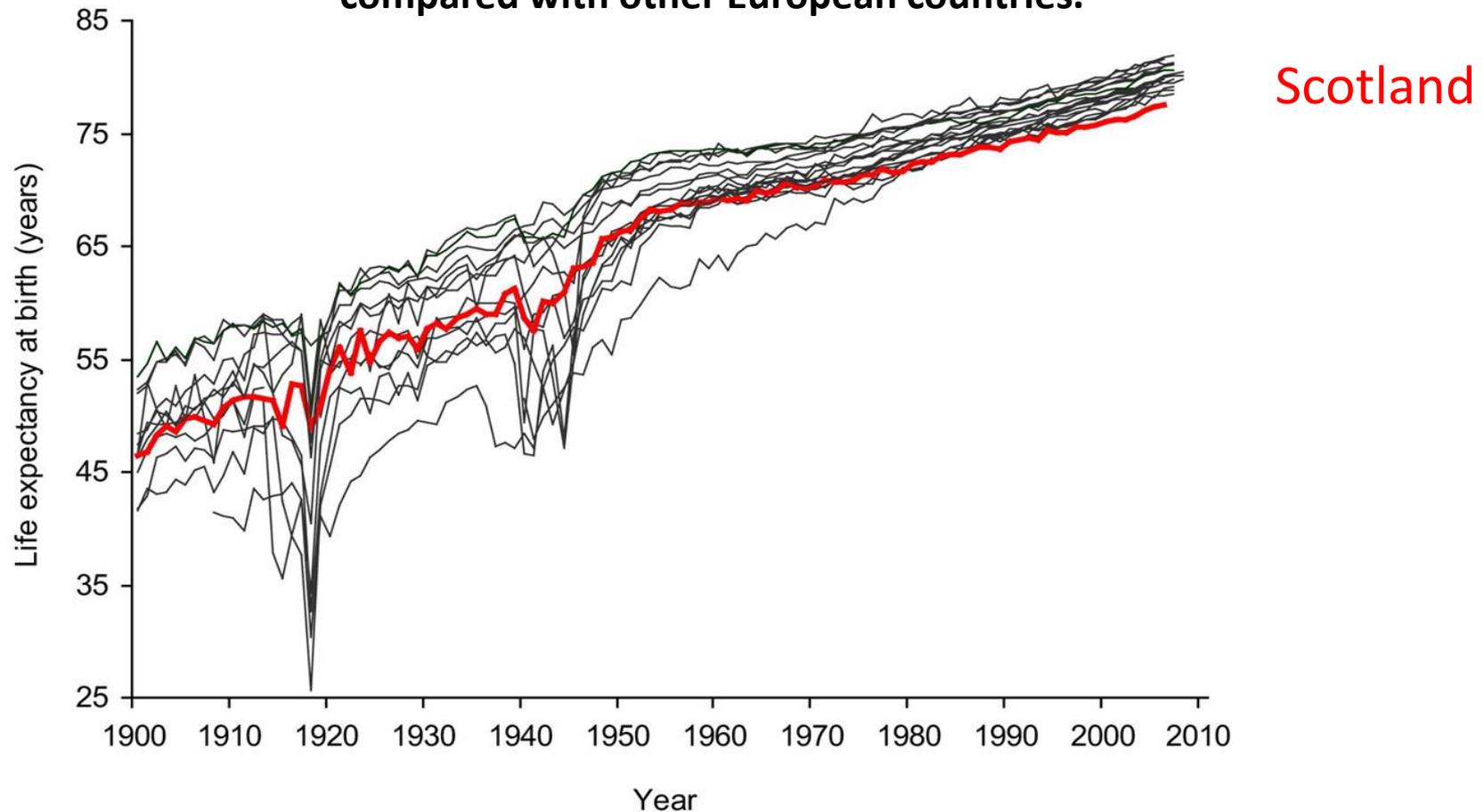
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Today: four things

1. The population health challenge
2. Strategic context: the *Health and Social Care Delivery Plan*
3. Progress to date
4. In more detail:
 - Population Health Scotland
 - Some questions about regional/local activity

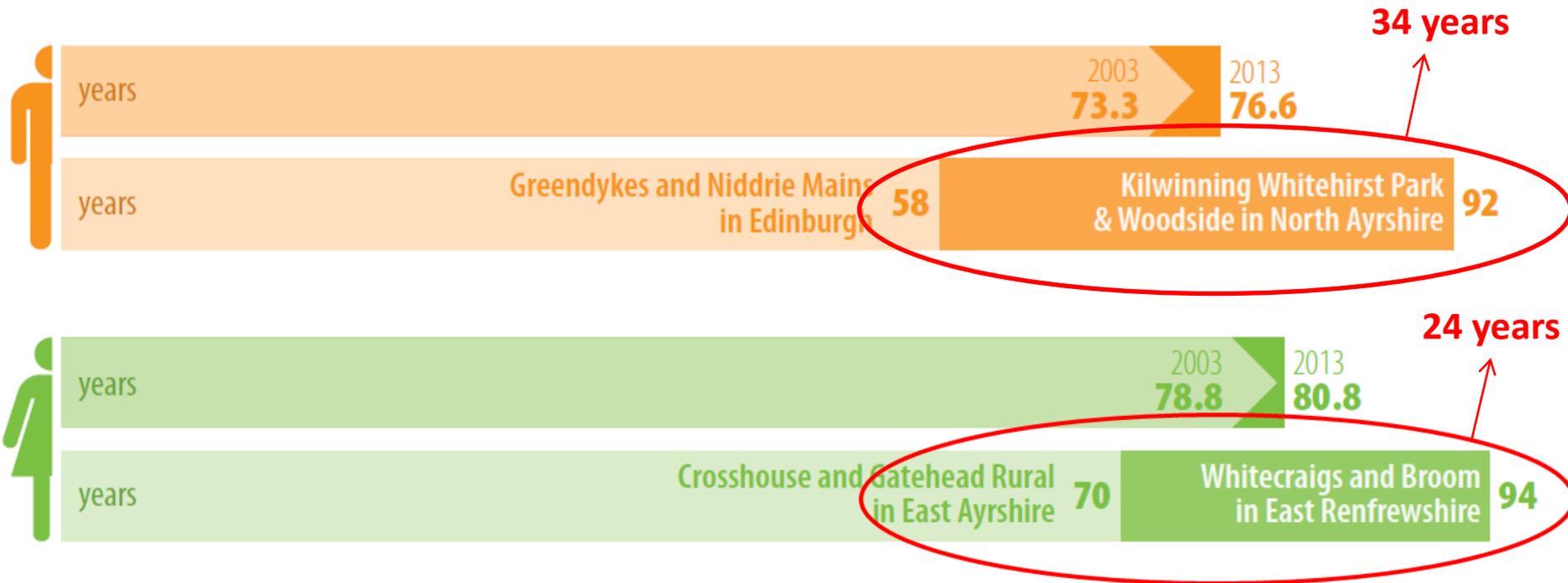
The Population Health Challenge

**Life expectancy after taking account of deprivation,
compared with other European countries.**



The Population Health Challenge

Life expectancy in Scotland

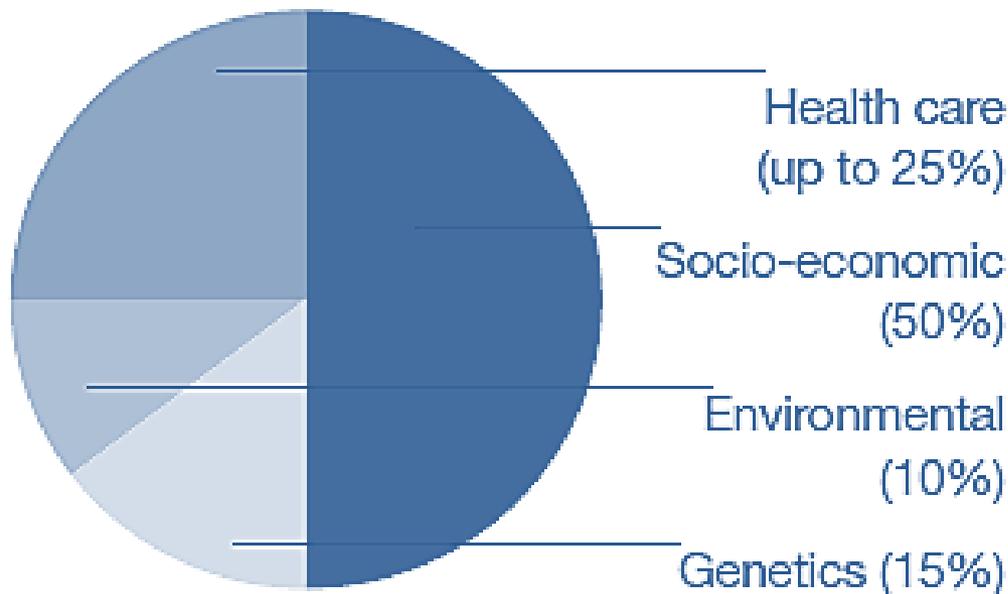


Life expectancy is increasing ...

... but it is not improving equally for all. Differences in life expectancy are particularly marked by deprivation.

What Creates Health Gain?

Canadian Institute of
Advanced Research (2012)



Health care is not the main determinant of our health.

Estimates of impact show that social and economic conditions determine more.

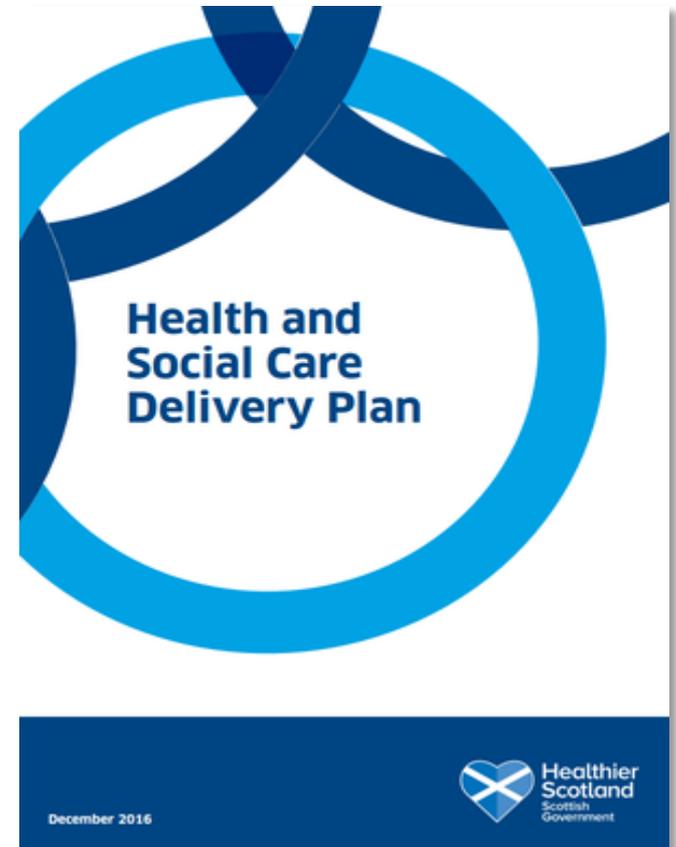
Health & Social Care Delivery Plan

National actions:

In 2017, we will set national public health priorities with **SOLACE and COSLA and others**, that will direct public health improvement across the whole of Scotland.

This will establish the **national consensus** around public health direction that will inform local, regional and national action.

It will support a **whole system approach** – not just about the health system.



Health & Social Care Delivery Plan

National actions:

By 2019, we aim to support a new, single, national body to strengthen national **leadership, visibility** and **critical mass** to public health in Scotland.

Such a body will have a powerful role in driving these national priorities and **providing the evidence base** to underpin immediate and future action.



Health & Social Care Delivery Plan

National actions:

By 2020, we will set up local joint public health partnerships between local authorities, NHS Scotland and others to drive national public health priorities and adapt them to local contexts across the whole of Scotland.

This will mainstream **a joined-up approach to public health at a local level.**



Progress To Date (1)

Since the Delivery Plan was published:

- Scottish Government and Local Government leaders have agreed principles for working together on Delivery Plan commitments (February);
- We have developed an initial framework of public health priorities with public sector leaders, including NHS Chief Executives (August);
- We have established the Public Health Reform Oversight Board (June) which will guide and oversee all three of the commitments in the Delivery Plan.

Progress To Date (2)

*In more detail, the **Public Health Reform Oversight Board** ...*

- Is jointly chaired by SG and CoSLA;
- First met June 28 and set clear expectations about making progress – particularly in terms of considering the ‘whole system’;
- Next meets Sept 27 – will consider outline business plan for new single organisation and proposals around local/regional activity on public health.
- Has a wide-ranging and senior membership including 4 NHS Chief Executives; LA Chief Executives; Chief Officers; DsPH; Faculty of Public Health; Third Sector; Health Scotland; NSS; Improvement Service; HIS; academia; expert external voices (Public Health England and Public Health Wales) and staff side.

Outline Timeline

| Set-up: | Planning: | Implementation: | Readiness Assessment: | Go Live: |
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| Establish Oversight Board & Delivery Group | Business Plan, Programme Delivery Plan, etc | Draft and lay legislation, Transition arrangements, Recruitment | Review, Communications | Transfer staff and assets, Appoint Board, Intensive comms |

Sept
2017

Dec
2017

Oct
2018

Dec
2018

April
2019

Public health
priorities:
development
and consultation
process

Workforce and leadership development

In More Detail: Population Health Scotland (1)

- *Vision*: to drive improvements in the health of Scotland's population
- *Functions*: responsibility for national activity in relation to:
 - health protection (currently delivered by Health Protection Scotland);
 - health improvement (currently Health Scotland);
 - health care public health;
 - health intelligence (currently primarily delivered by ISD).
- In July the Cabinet Secretary, decided *in principle* that the national body should be responsible for function of health intelligence, to ensure health service planning is effectively supported and makes best use of data, information and intelligence. This means that the majority or all of ISD will transfer to the new body.
- The new body will also have a leadership role in relation public health research and innovation and public health workforce.

In More Detail:

Population Health Scotland (2)

- The final shape of the new organisation and the legal means by which it will come into being are still being considered. We are developing an outline business plan for Oversight Board.
- This will clearly articulate the risks and benefits of the proposed approach – including on the inclusion of Health Intelligence/ISD.
- Working towards an April 2019 establishment date – but more work to be done until we know if that is achievable.
- Will shortly establish an Executive Delivery Group as a shadow board for the new organisation, to lead transition.
- We are committed to a shared services approach to corporate functions/technical infrastructure and grateful to NSS for offering to support these.

Discussion

- The Delivery Plan also commits us to think about how we support public health delivery at regional and local levels:
 - What would you like to see from any new regional structure for public health?
 - What is the best vehicle for supporting local public health activity (at community or at local authority level)?
 - Are there other issues you would like the public health reform programme to be aware of/consider?
- The Public Health Reform Oversight Board next meets at end September.