

NHS Renewal and Reform

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Health and Social Care Vision

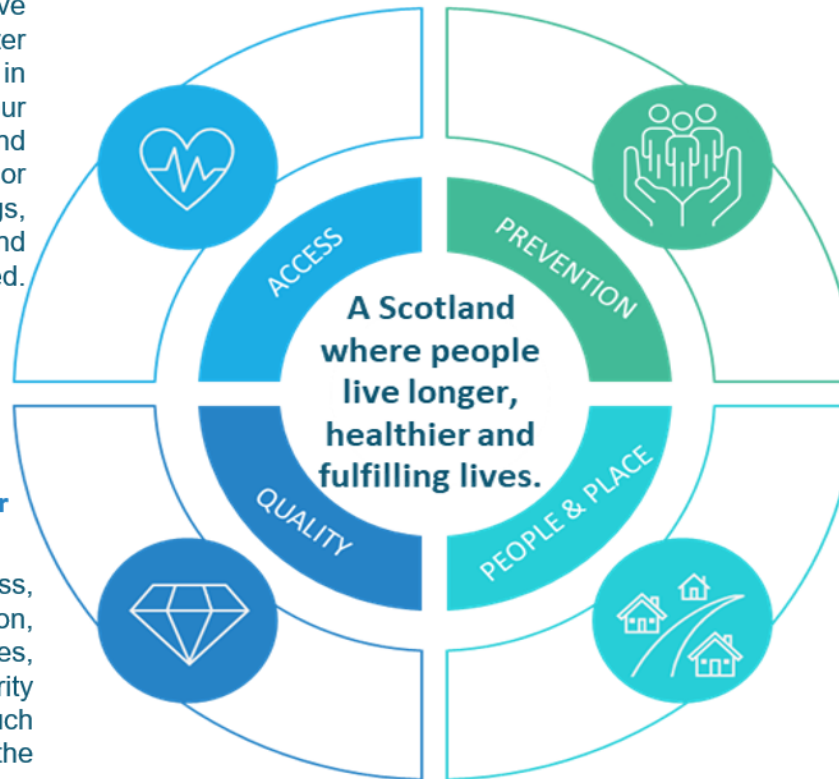
A Scotland where people live longer, healthier and fulfilling lives

Health and care is accessible, seamless and respects individual needs

We all have equitable access to high quality advice and effective care appropriate to our needs. This will be delivered with greater level of integration for person-centred care by the right people in the right place at the right time. Proportionate rebalancing of our health and social care services towards community-first (and digital first) approach to deliver the majority of services in or closer to people's homes in primary and community care settings, with integrated pathways alongside a network of hospitals and centres of excellence to support complex care when required.

Health and care is high quality, effective and value for money

Health and social care services will have increased effectiveness, quality and value for money through clear prioritisation, innovation and reform of models of care, systems and structures, and how we monitor performance. We will safeguard priority transformation programmes, supporting a community focus such multi-disciplinary teams and virtual wards. We will harness the power of innovations: targeting improvement and change supported by digital transformation; and driving the delivery of digital services and technological advances such as AI to support prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment at scale; ensuring equitable patient-facing access.



Prevention, self-care and early intervention improve health and wellbeing

We build on strong foundations from successful public health interventions to drive holistic approach to health creation, prevention and early intervention, harnessing all community assets. We will enable growth in self-care by supporting people of all ages to be knowledgeable, connected and empowered to look after their own health and wellbeing. We harness Scotland's power in data and technological advances to equitably support prevention and enable the promotion of healthy flourishing communities, with focused work on the most vulnerable, health inequalities, and tackling key disease burdens.

Our living and working conditions create good health

Long term wellbeing is at the heart of decision making, with health and social care services making a distinctive and positive contribution to the wellbeing of local communities. The assets and strengths of our communities are fulfilled, building community wealth for the benefit of future generations and creating the living and working conditions that support good health. We will have a strengthened equitable approach to ensure those facing the highest inequalities are supported to have improved health outcomes.

The need for Reform

Healthy life expectancy, 2019-21



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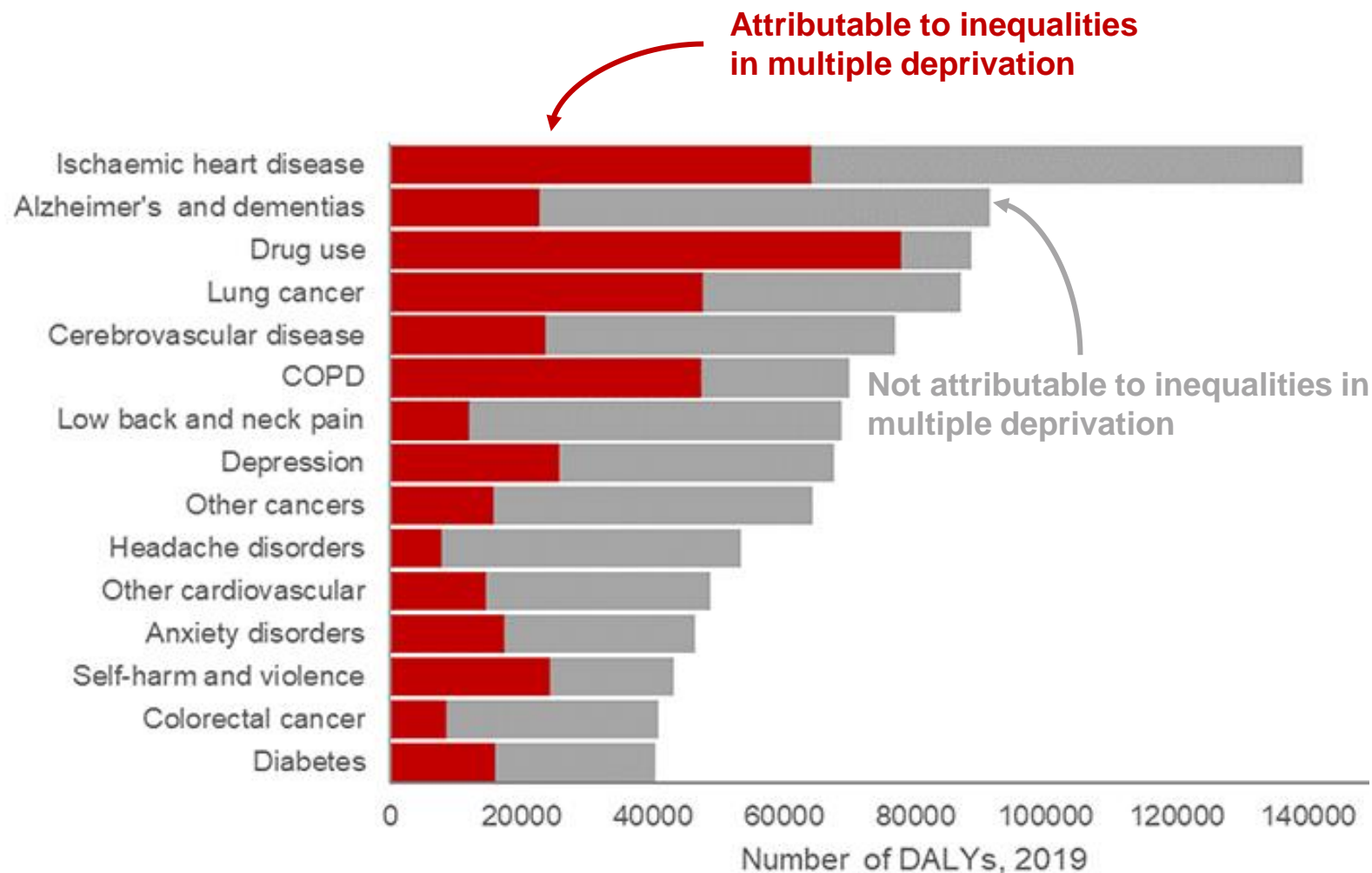


SOURCE: CMO ANNUAL REPORT 2024, SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT



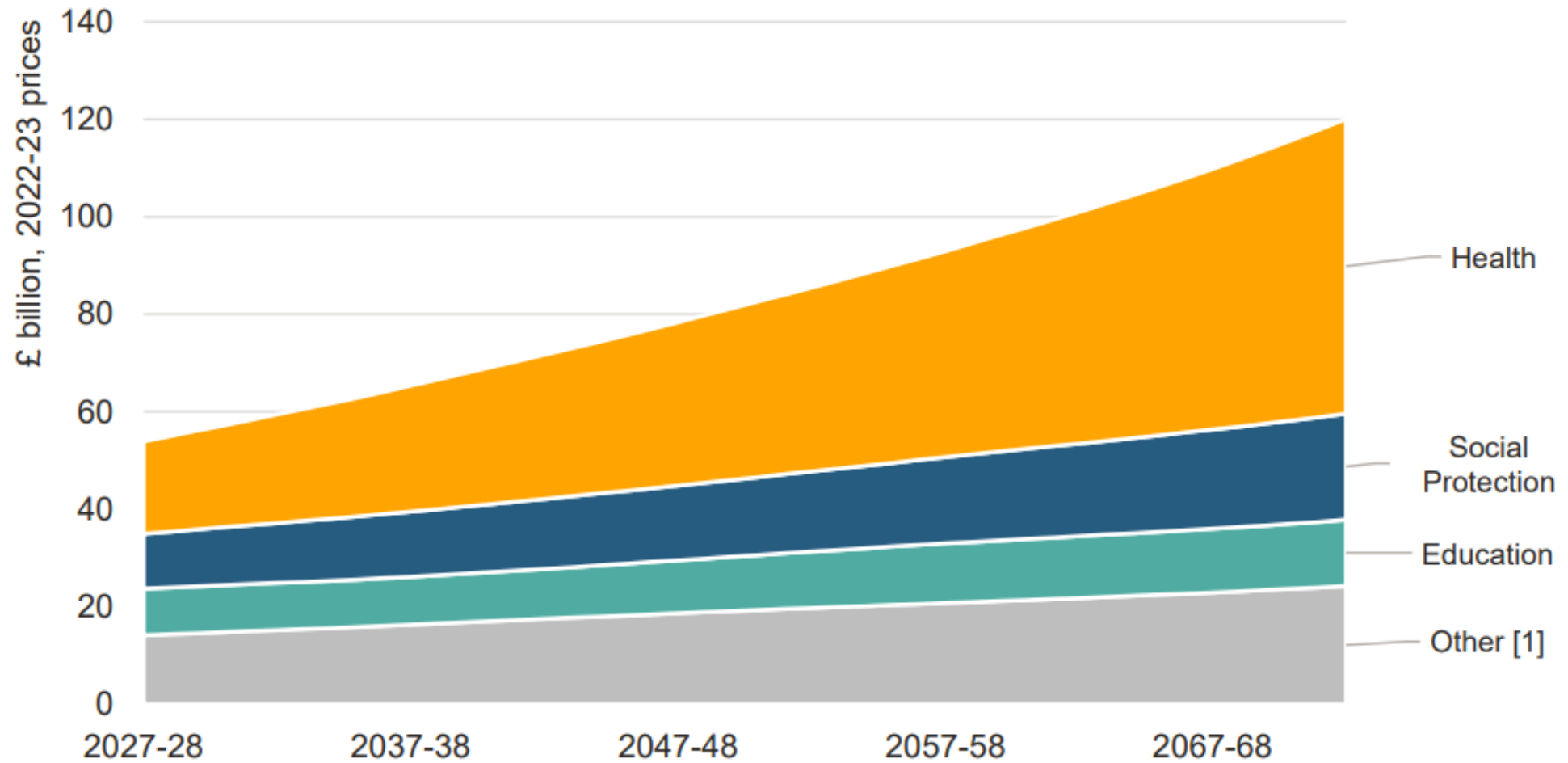
The need for Reform

- Around a third of the burden of disease is **attributable to inequalities** in multiple deprivation, and therefore preventable
- The leading contributors to the disease burden are making the largest contribution to **health inequalities**
- For 15 of the 20 leading causes, at least a quarter of the disease burden was **inequality-attributable**



The need for Reform

Figure 3: Spending on devolved public services



Source: Scottish Fiscal Commission

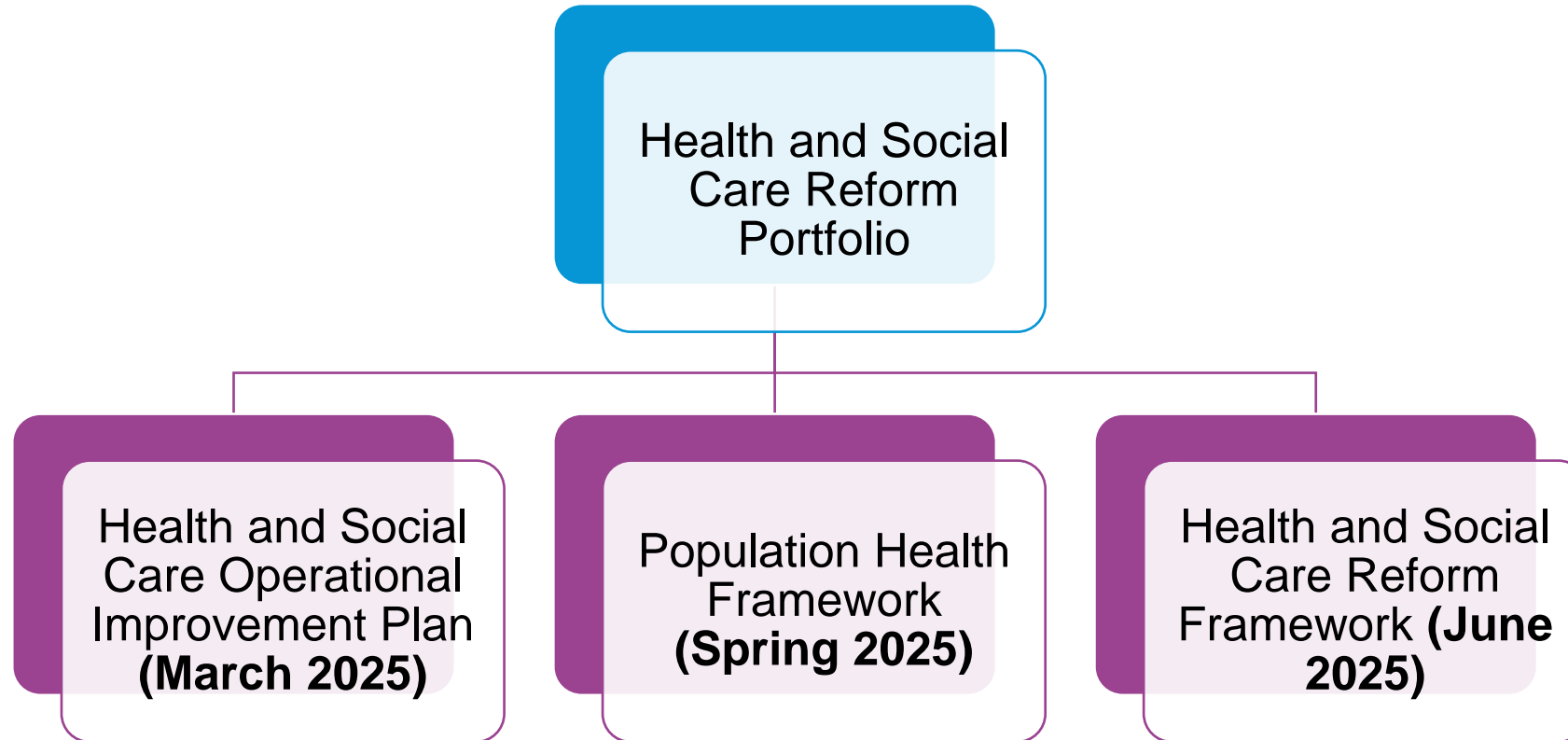
[1] 'Other' includes devolved areas of spending such as transport, public order and safety, and recreation and culture.



Focus of Reform



Delivering Reform



Delivering Reform – HSC Operational Improvement Plan



Delivering Reform – Population Health Framework

A PREVENTION FOCUSSED SYSTEM

Whole System Approach

Improve the social and economic factors that create health and reduce inequalities

Resources & Governance

Social and Economic Factors

Evidence & Sharing Knowledge

Create healthy and sustainable places and communities

Places and Communities

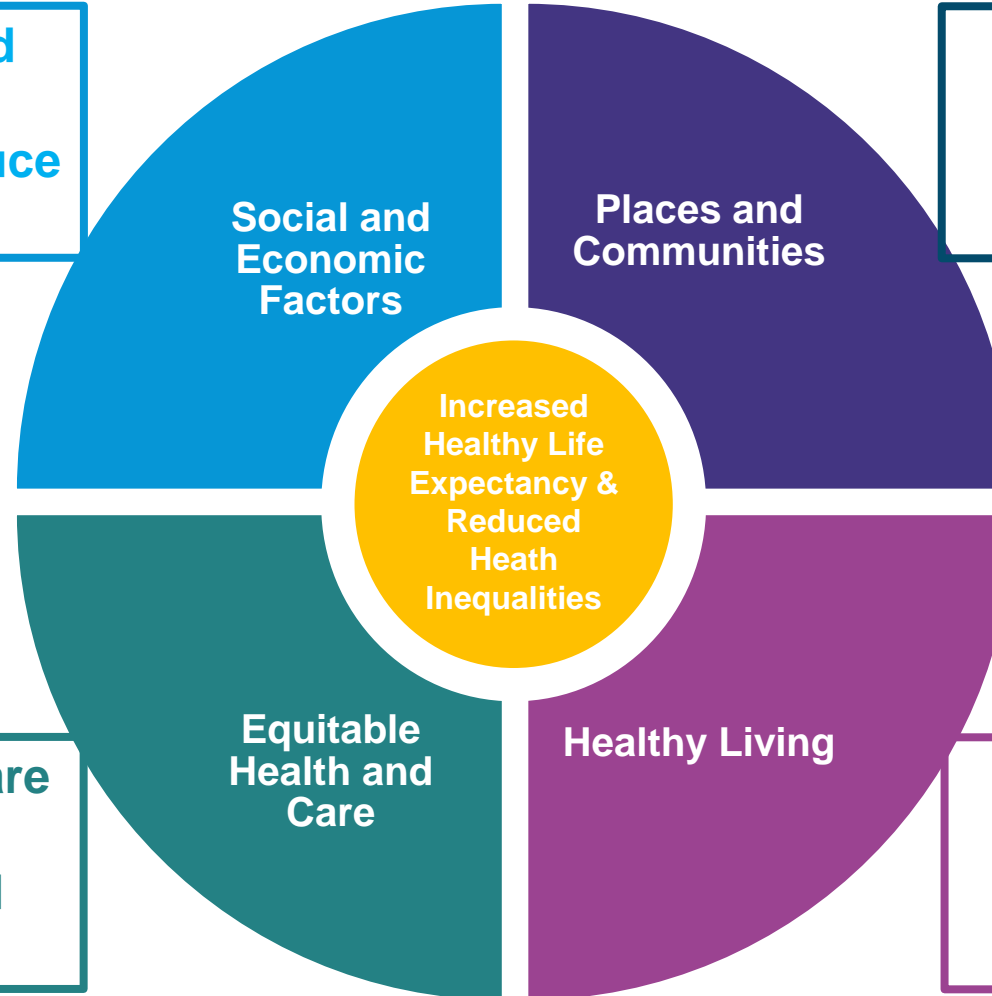
Increased Healthy Life Expectancy & Reduced Health Inequalities

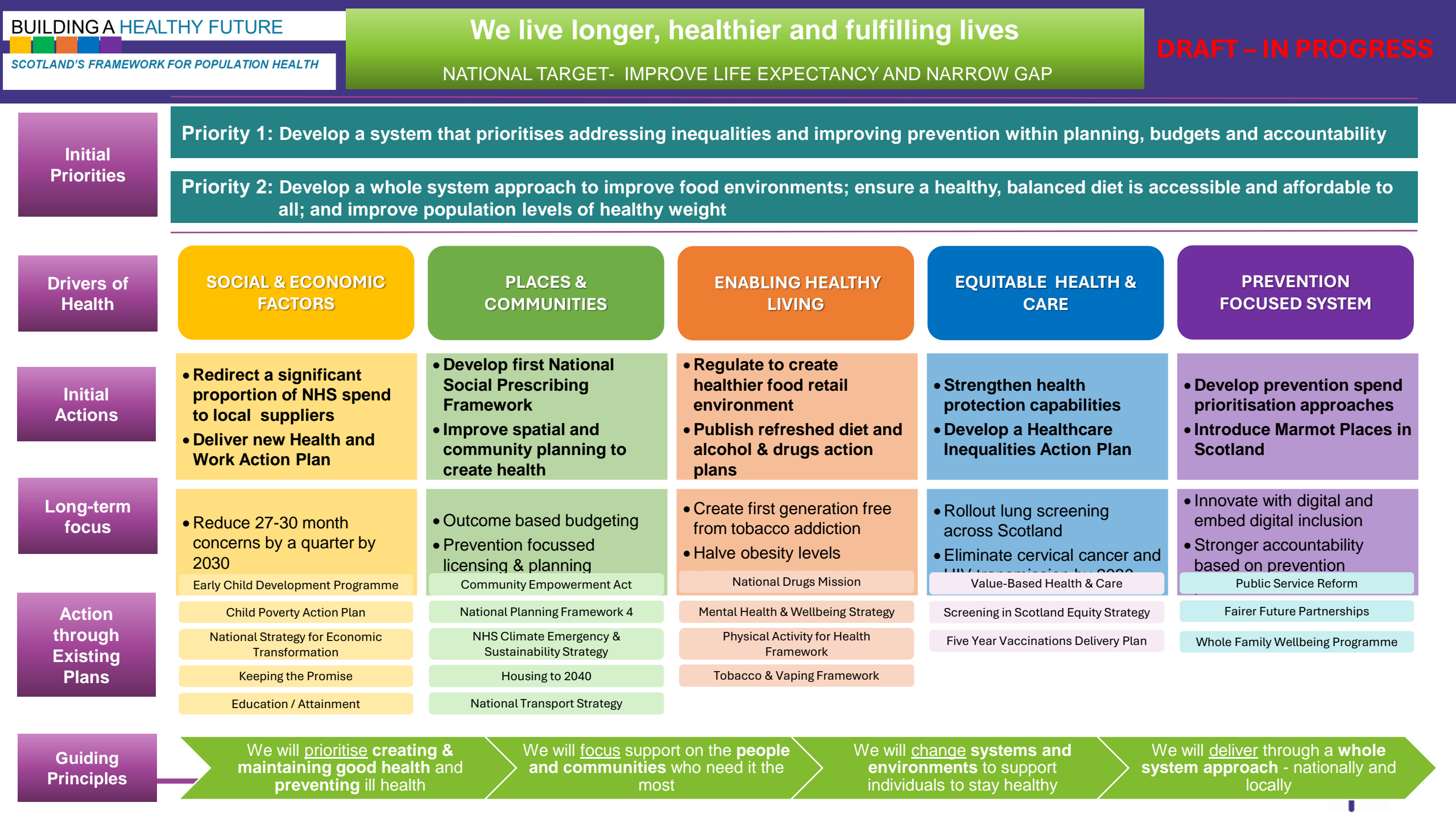
Equitable Health and Care

Healthy Living

Create a health and care system that delivers equity, prevention and early intervention

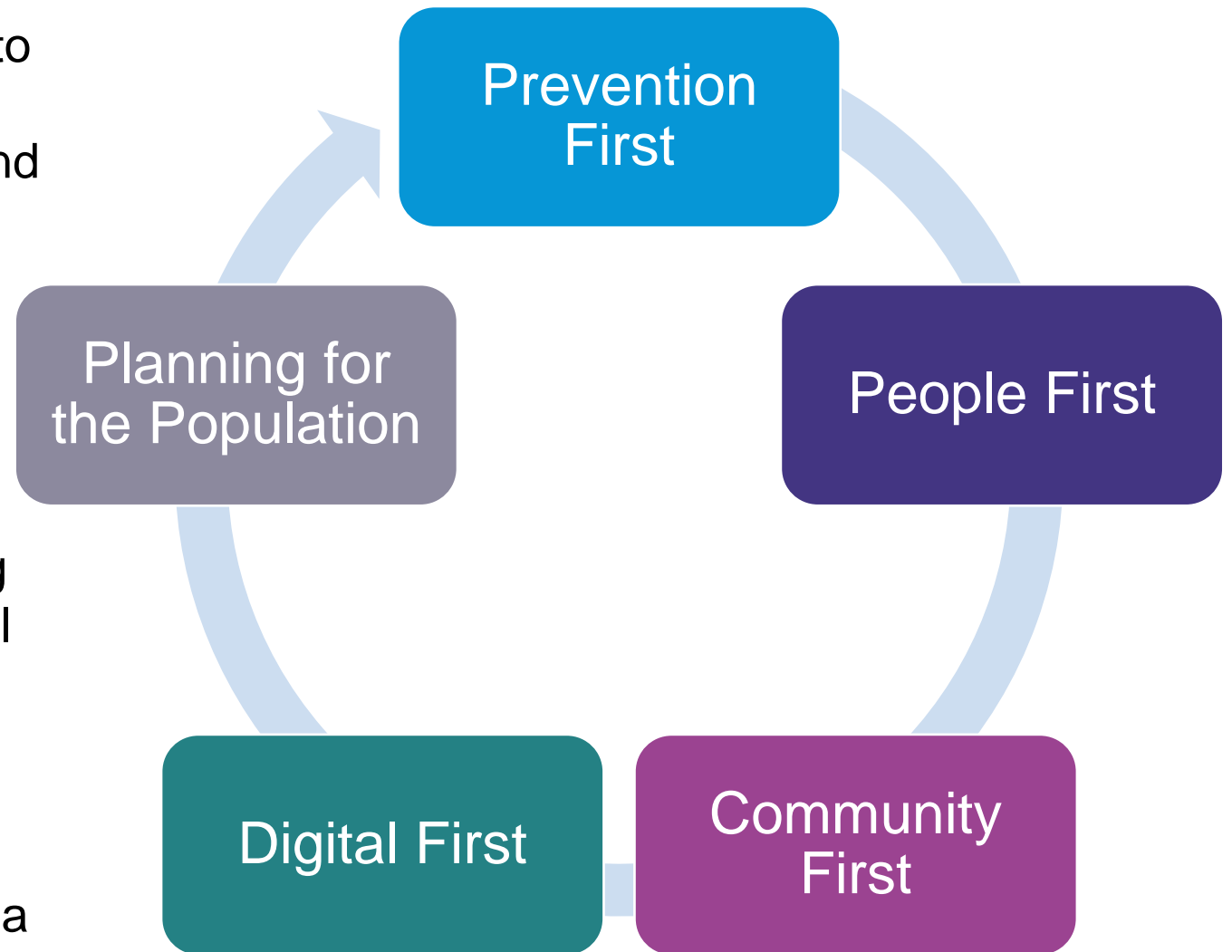
Promote health and wellbeing and reduce health harming activities





Delivering Reform – HSC Reform Framework

- Health and Social Care reform is crucial to achieve greater life expectancy and to ensure public services are sustainable and provide value for money.
- Our focus must be to improve the health and wellbeing of population, with a foundational preventative approach.
- To do this we must be inclusive, involving people in the reform of the system and all partners must work collaboratively to deliver the reform needed.
- The change must be embraced by everyone and a coherent approach, with a clear direction of travel is crucial.



Questions

