

Practice Improvement Snapshot

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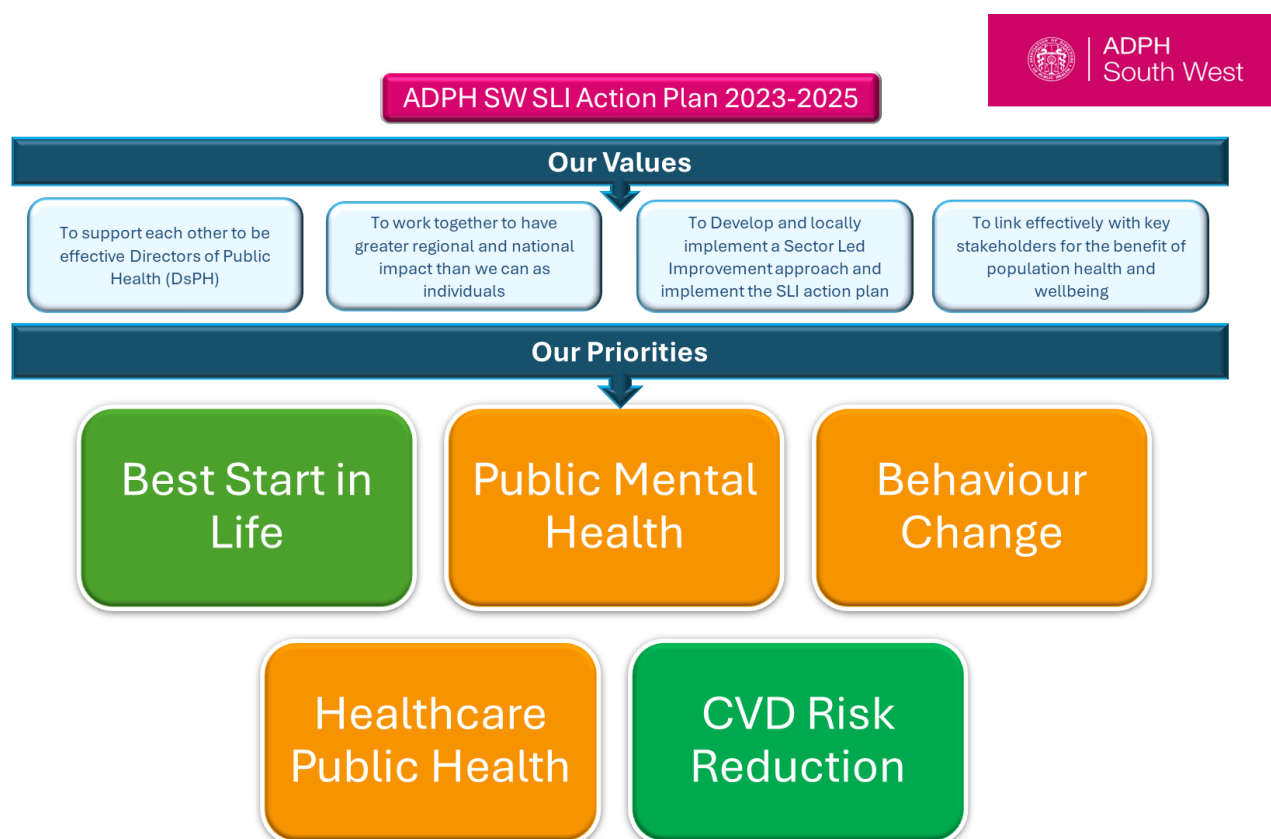


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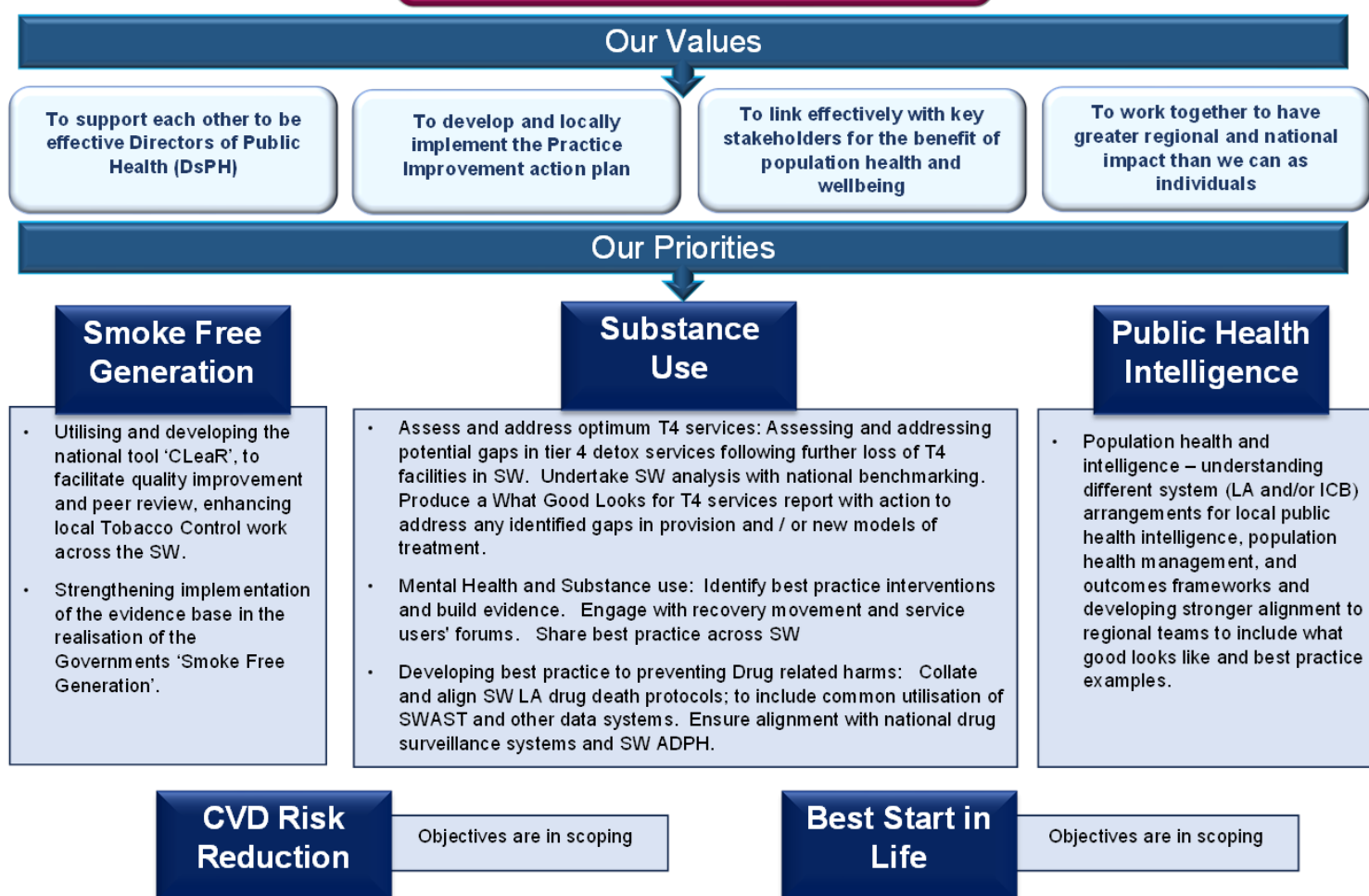
The aim of the Snapshot is to provide a monthly Practice Improvement (PI) update to DsPH and their public health teams. The Snapshot is produced and managed by Jodie Demmery (SW PI co-ordinator) and Kate Blackburn (SW PI lead). If you have something that you would like included for the next issue, or any questions on what is featured in this issue, please get in touch (Jodie.Demmery@southglos.gov.uk).

SW ADPH Practice Improvement Action Plan Refresh 2025-27

The PI action plan has been updated for the 2025-27 period. During the last SW ADPH away day meeting, directors of public health gathered in person to discuss the refresh, reflect on the work carried out under the 2023-2025 SLI plan, and begin developing and agreeing on key priority themes for the new plan. Analysis of previous priority objectives was completed, considering implementation stage factors, identification and identification of outcomes for sharing regionally and nationally. Following this, agreed PI priorities for continuation were confirmed, and transition to business-as-usual work for others was agreed. It is important to note that any priorities no longer included in the PI action plan do not cease altogether, and work continues in these spaces as usual in public health teams. But they will no longer be identified as areas for collaborative practice improvement within the SW ADPH network. Below is the previous 23-25 SLI action plan on a page, green priorities are being carried forward but with some changes in specificity and focus of key objectives to be confirmed, orange priorities are now business-as-usual.



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The new ADPH South West Practice Improvement Action Plan is now termed 'Practice Improvement' instead of 'Sector Led Improvement', encompassing an overarching term to reflect a wider range of improvement activities.

The National *ADPH Explainer: Practice Improvement in Public Health* defines practice improvement as: ".....a wide range of improvement actions and places emphasis on public health practice. It aims to bring together the process of SLI, QI, public health audit, and provide assurance that efforts are being made to improve public health practice continuously. It can be defined as the approach to assuring quality services and improved outcomes in health whilst improving professional practice with a commitment to reducing health inequalities. It involves a systematic and coordinated approach to solving a problem using specific methods and tools with the aim of bringing about measurable improvement."

The South West practice improvement plan is a fluid set of priorities that can change within the timeframe of 2025-27 allocated to this work. Currently objectives are outlined under three priority headings, the remaining two: CVD Risk Reduction and Best Start in Life are in active development and can be added into the plan at a later stage. The directors of public health leading these priorities include:

- **Smoke Free Generation Lead:** Matt Lenny
- **Substance Use Lead:** Christina Gray **Deputy:** Steve Maddern
- **Public Health Intelligence Lead:** Siobhan Farmer **Deputy:** Sarah Weld
- **CVD Risk Reduction Lead:** Steve Brown **Deputy:** Eunan O'Neill
- **Best Start in Life Lead:** Becky Reynolds