



ADPH SLI Impact Report 2023

Summary and key messages

In 2022, we commissioned Shared Intelligence to review the delivery and impact of Sector-Led Improvement (SLI). The report explored the breadth and variety of public health SLI activity, capturing changes that have happened since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Strengths and opportunities

The report has identified areas of the current SLI activity which are working well, including:

- Promotion of peer-to-peer working and learning through collaboration, via:
 - Mutual learning and soft-sharing
 - More effective engagement with local populations
 - More efficient use of resources, time and capacity at times of extreme pressure
- Regional SLI co-ordination which helps promote collaboration
- New focus to SLI work resulting from the pandemic, with shorter and sharper work, providing an effective return
- Activities which promote the use of data in shaping practice and evidence-based policy formulation

Barriers to working effectively

The report has captured several themes around the key barriers to working more effectively, including:

- Limited resources and capacity
- Conceptual issue around what SLI means
- Difficulty of measuring impact
- Limited visibility of improvement work at member and senior political level in local authorities

Next steps

The report has also highlighted opportunities for public health practice improvement and set out key recommendations which will now be considered to inform our future action plan. These include:

- Improving how we monitor impact
- Improving how we coordinate our work
- Working with a wider range of partners