



GROUPS 13a and 13b – EXPLANATORY NOTE AND JAMBOARDS

1. Explanatory note for Group 13a and 13b

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What topic will we discuss?

Groups 13a and 13b are invited to consider recommendations on the following topic, which relates to vision element J:

Scotland should be a country where the people of Scotland have properly resourced and managed health & social care services, built around individuals and communities to achieve good health and wellbeing for all.

What is the task and process we will go through?

Notes 1 and 2 explain how recommendations will be prepared and provide a worked example. You will review the summary of evidence in this explanatory note and the weekend 6 jam boards and identify the 2-3 areas you want to focus on to develop recommendations. You will then prepare the text of draft recommendations and accompanying information to be included in the final report.

Recommendations should be about either:

- Remit Q 2: how we overcome the challenges facing Scotland and the world
- Remit Q 3: what further information citizens need to take informed decisions

And they should also be supported by evidence: And they should also be supported by evidence:

- Given by or discussed with experts
- From the Assembly process and the experience of participation
- From 'lived experience' of members, shared and discussed over the course of the Assembly

Summary of the Assembly evidence on the issue

The following aspects of the Assembly journey may be relevant when considering recommendations in this area.

1. At the first weekend you heard about some of the inequalities facing the country including regional health inequalities as illustrated by a Glasgow tube map.
2. In weekend 2, George Bangham's presentation included consideration of the use of wellbeing in measuring a good country alongside more traditional measures like GDP and evidence on sustainability introduced the idea of the wellbeing economy to serve social and environmental goals. Investment in health care featured strongly as you began to develop ideas around vision that weekend.



3. In weekend 3 during your discussions of sustainability, you heard about the need to consider sustainable transport. In developing your priorities for action, you considered transport to have health and wellbeing connections and developed the following action listed below and summarised in the annex:

- Transport: addressing this encapsulates many of the problems we have: obesity, isolation, climate change

4. In weekend 5, you heard about the impacts of Covid-19 on our health in terms of deaths and long term health damage, how the virus has impacted certain groups including older people, those in care homes, and those living in more deprived areas. Evidence also noted the significant rise in mental health issues due to social isolation and loss of income, as well as the knock-on impacts of the pandemic on the wider health care system, such as access to GP and routine appointments. Discussions during the weekend focused on the need to consider social care as well as the NHS, and to consider mental well as physical health.

Constitutional implications

Health and social care policy are devolved matters.

The Scottish Government and Parliament could take action in this area where any proposed arrangements applied to devolved matters. Should any recommendations cover reserved matters you may wish to consider whether the evidence supports any constitutional change. For further detail on reserved and devolved matters, please see Professor Nicola McEwen's factsheet [here](#)

Action in hand

The Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21:

- aims to promote lifelong health and wellbeing through actions including an independent review of adult social care to report by January 2021, including consideration of establishing a national care service.
- Includes focus on women's health inequalities, redesign of cancer services, a new framework for chronic pain service delivery, better digital access to care, a redesign of Accident and Emergency services, and a consultation on drug law reform.
- sets out a range of actions to suppress Covid-19. A Social Renewal Advisory Board is advising on how to build a stronger, fairer and more equal Scotland for the post-pandemic period.

Annex: Relevant priorities for action from Weekend 3

Priority area of action	Transport: addressing this encapsulates many of the problems we have: obesity, isolation, climate change
Positive impact this would make	Impact on obesity – people would be more mobile • Impact on isolation though better public transport



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on climate 	
Hard choices and trade-offs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In work poverty • Affordability 	

2. Jamboards from Weekend 6 on the topic being considered by Group 2

(J) Scotland should be a country where the people of Scotland have properly resourced and managed health & social care services, built around individuals and communities to achieve good health and wellbeing for all (from area of consensus: The importance of health and wellbeing)



What is at the heart of it? What are you really trying to say to Scotland your vision for the country is?

Recent lockdown & pandemic has shown how people have suffered, some more than others - it emphasises the importance of everyone's health and wellbeing, and how important it is for people to get the services they need

No single party should be able to privatise NHS services or take away services that people need, everyone should pay in so that services are paid for (national insurance doesn't cover it) and we should minimise waste

Take the party politics out of NHS, it should be run with cross party involvement, involving staff, members of the public, all those with a stake in the service, especially how its financed

Do we have enough people working in the country to pay into the pot to cover NHS services?

Recommendations as to how we have a properly resources and managed health and social care services and how we build health and social care services around individuals and communities to achieve good health and wellbeing for all

