# Public health workforce planning David Kidney 29 April 2021

## A public health workforce

Defining what we do:

"the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts of society"

(Sir Donald Acheson, 1988)

# The fifth wave of public health

Integrating the **true** (science), the **good** (ethics) and the **beautiful** (aesthetics) to:

- 1) Maximise the value of health and incentives for healthy behaviour;
- 2) Promote healthy choices as default; and
- 3) Minimise factors that create cultures and environments which promote unhealthy behaviour.

## Lingua Franca for PH workforce planning

#### Public Health Skills & Knowledge Framework 2016

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/public-health-skills-and-knowledge-framework

#### For comparison, see this international equivalent

https://www.euro.who.int/ data/assets/pdf file/0003/444576/WHO-ASPHER-Public-Health-Workforce-Europe-eng.pdf

### Four nation flux

**ENGLAND** Fit for the future 2016 & public

health reform

N. IRELAND Making Life Better 2013 - 2023

SCOTLAND Public Health Scotland's Strategic

Plan 2020 - 2023

WALES Health and Social Care Workforce

Strategy 2020

## England's public health reform

Abolition of PHE, creation of UKHSA and Office for Health Promotion; details still emerging, latest document 29 Mar 2021:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transforming-the-public-health-system/transforming-the-public-health-system-reforming-the-public-health-system-for-the-challenges-of-our-times

#### How to move from this workforce model

**Specialists** 

**Practitioners** 

Wider workforce

## ... to this workforce model

Apprentices, new recruits, transferees

Advanced practitioners and practitioners

Specialist and credentials

DPH



Thanks for listening

Now let's talk!

Happy to answer questions

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