



PHE Advisory Board Paper

Title of meeting	PHE Advisory Board
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Title of paper	International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI) Peer Review of Public Health England.

1. Purpose of the paper

- 1.1 The purpose of the paper is to provide the Advisory Board with the final assessment and recommendations for PHE following the international peer review carried out by the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI)

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Advisory Board is asked to **COMMENT** on the report and **NOTE** its contents.

3. Background

- 3.1 IANPHI is a membership organisation of over 100 national public health institutes and agencies. In 2017, four years since PHE's establishment, IANPHI were invited to carry out a review of the organisation to help guide the next stage of PHE's development. Eight highly experienced senior public health leaders from across the globe undertook the review.
- 3.2 The IANPHI team visited PHE in June 2017 and interviewed a wide range of staff, partners and stakeholders across the country. The team were asked to assess progress in three key areas focusing on leadership, strategy and delivery; whether PHE was set up effectively and efficiently; and if PHE has the necessary impact and influence needed to fulfil its mission. They were also given case studies to help understand both the system and context of PHE's work.
- 3.3 The report highlighted PHE's Ebola response, immunisation, obesity and smoking cessation programmes and the value that local knowledge and intelligence services brings to those making decisions on the front line. PHE's important role in evidence-based decision-making was recognised, and the review concluded there is still work to do to ensure that stakeholders are equipped with the right advice to ensure that they are able to turn PHE's knowledge and evidence into both policy and practice.
- 3.4 With changes to public health budgets, the panel reflected that making the economic case for prevention needs to form part of local plans at the outset and

PHE should continue to encourage an improved focus on prevention within the NHS, including general practice and primary care.

- 3.5 The review also recognised the inclusivity of PHE's approach to health, understanding that it takes a collective effort to improve the health of a nation and the needs of all its stakeholders including the public. The large number of PHE staff volunteering their time for international efforts at short notice was commended.

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