

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee  
Tuesday, 10 September 2024  
23rd Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)

## National Performance Framework: Proposed National Outcomes

### Background

1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires Scottish Ministers to develop and produce a set of national outcomes and to undertake a review of these at least every five years.
2. The national outcomes are set out in the National Performance Framework (NPF). The current NPF has the following 11 National Outcomes:
  - **Children and Young People:** We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential
  - **Communities:** We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
  - **Culture:** We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely
  - **Economy:** We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy
  - **Education:** We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society
  - **Environment:** We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment
  - **Fair Work and Business:** We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone
  - **Health:** We are healthy and active
  - **Human Rights:** We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination
  - **International:** We are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally
  - **Poverty:** We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally
3. The NPF measures progress against the National Outcomes through 81 National Indicators. The number of indicators varies by outcome. Performance against the National Outcome on Health is measured through nine indicators. As at 4 August 2024, Scotland's performance was as follows:
  - Performance against 5 of these health-related indicators was maintaining (Healthy life expectancy, Healthy weight, Health risk behaviours, Journeys by active travel, Work related ill health);
  - Performance against 3 of these indicators was improving (Physical activity, Quality of care experience, Premature Mortality);
  - Performance against 1 of these indicators was worsening (Mental wellbeing)

4. The Government has concluded its latest consultation and has [released the proposed National Outcomes for the next five years](#) for scrutiny by the Scottish Parliament. Additionally, an updated purpose for the National Performance Framework has been proposed and [impact assessments](#) on how the proposed National Outcomes will affect equalities, island communities, children's rights, and the goal of a fairer Scotland have subsequently been published.
5. The Finance and Public Administration Committee is leading scrutiny of the proposed National Outcomes while encouraging other Committees to undertake their own scrutiny where applicable.
6. A call for views was run from 13 May 2024 until 28 June 2024 covering seven weeks and received 72 submissions. [Individual submissions](#) as well as a [SPICe summary](#) have now been published.

## **Today's meeting**

7. During today's meeting, the Committee will have an opportunity to consider several strategic themes related to the health and social care outcomes in the NPF, including how Scotland is currently performing and the health and wellbeing aspects of the NPF, as well as the potential scope for the National Outcomes related to health and wellbeing to be refined or refocused in the future.

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