

# Public Health Scotland: the past, the present, and the future

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# The past: firm foundations



Health  
Protection  
Scotland



**NHS**  
Health  
Scotland



# 50 years of health protection

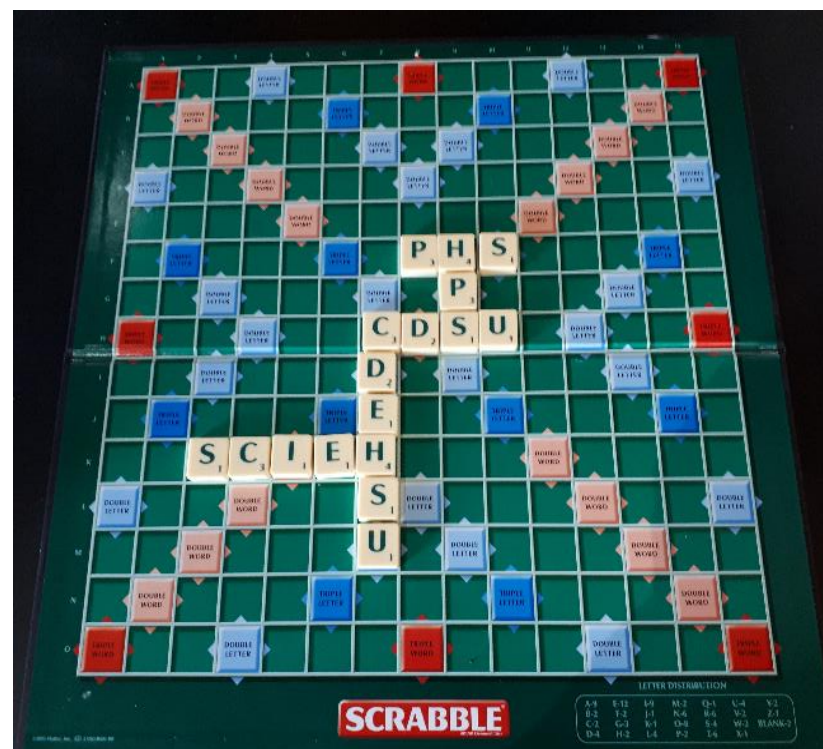
1969: Communicable Diseases  
(Scotland) Unit (CDSU)

1989: Environmental Health  
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1993: CDSU & EHSU merge to  
form Scottish Centre for Infection  
and Environmental Health (SCIEH)

2005: Health Protection Scotland

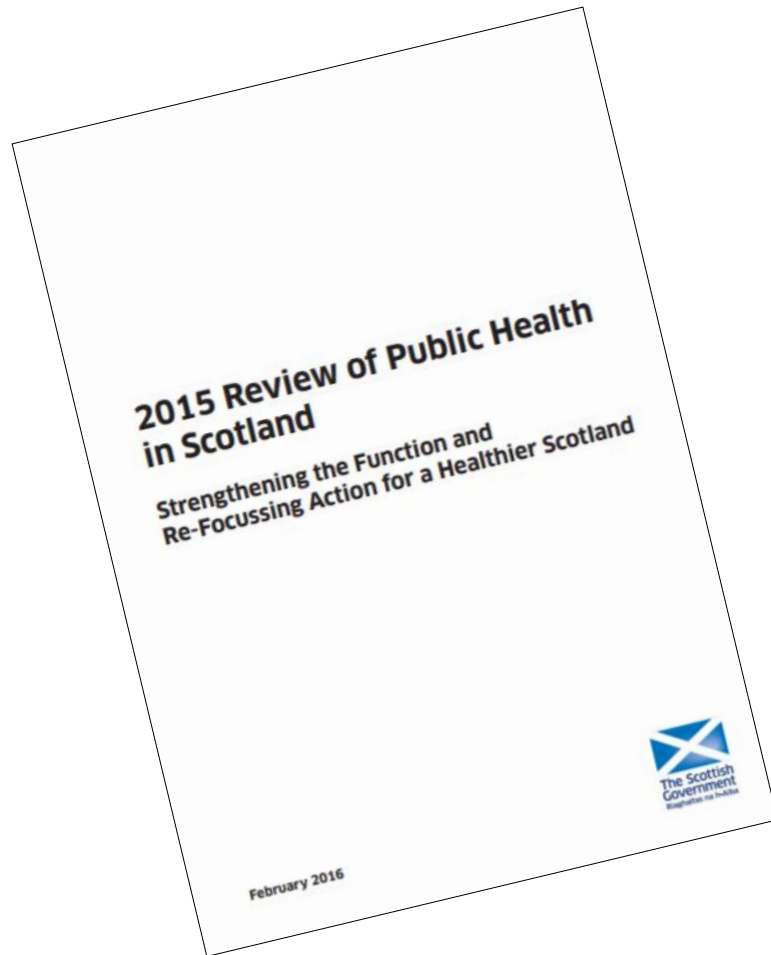
2020: Public Health Scotland



Let's work together to eliminate communicable diseases and environmental hazards



# Public Health Reform



The report highlighted the need for:

- more clarity on organisational roles
- stronger leadership around public health
- a public health strategy for Scotland with clear priorities
- greater partnership work across all sectors





# Public Health Reform

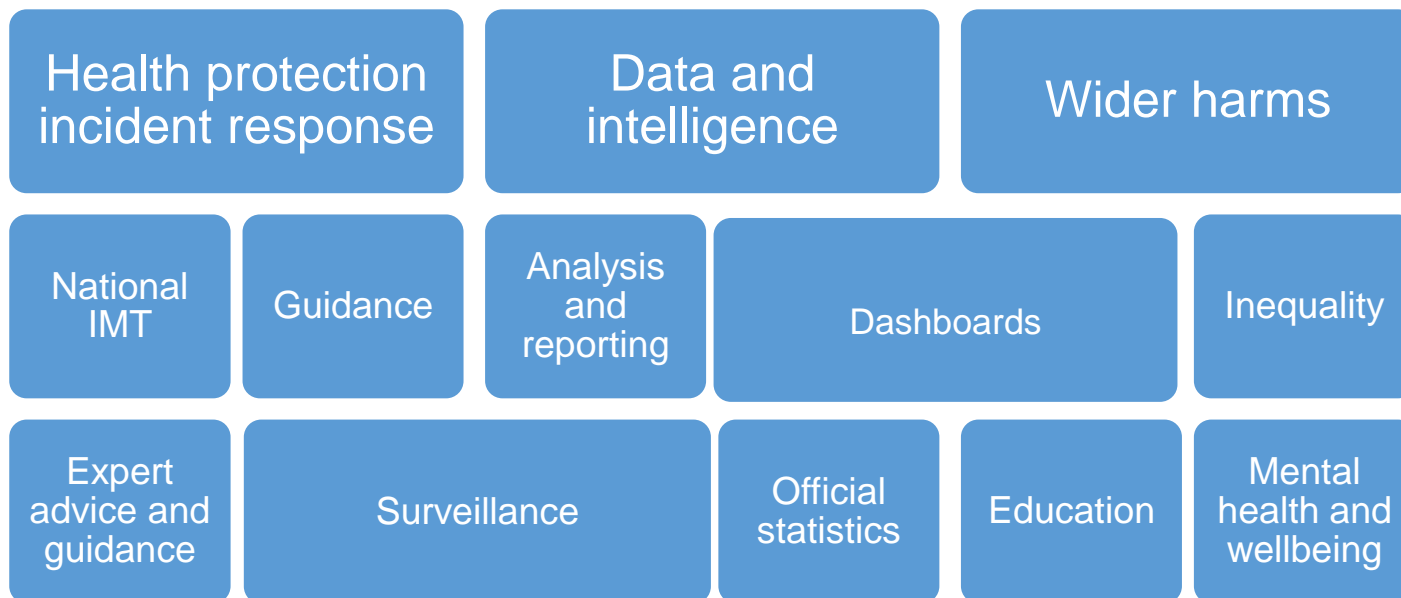


- The development of Public Health Priorities
- Establishing Public Health Scotland
- The development of a whole system approach to public health

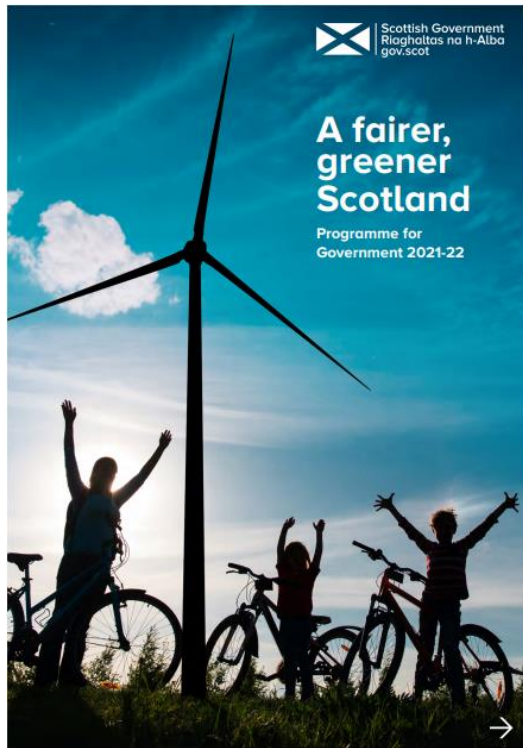


# Our pandemic response

## Organisation-wide response



# The present: dual accountability



**The Scottish  
Government**

## Blueprint for Local Government

Scotland's  
Councils

#EssentialEveryday

Local Government is continuing to meet the challenges brought by the pandemic, while also re-building around an ambitious vision for Scotland's future - one based on the empowerment of people and communities.

Local Government is the anchor in our communities and our most vulnerable groups; for children, young people and families; for the elderly and those needing extra support; for local businesses; for those needing help with housing; and for the services that protect and improve our physical and emotional well-being and the environment. We work with diverse communities and local organisations every day to bring about change, to respect human rights and equalities, to embed local democracy and to make the voices of people heard.

The value of Local Government can be seen in our response to COVID-19, where Councils have taken decisive action to protect and support communities, people, and businesses. Whether delivering food or medicine, providing shelter for the homeless, supporting volunteers or keeping many essential services running, Local Government has been the face of the response for many. The Local Government workforce, which is the largest in Scotland, has adapted to reduce the disruption caused by the pandemic to everyday life.



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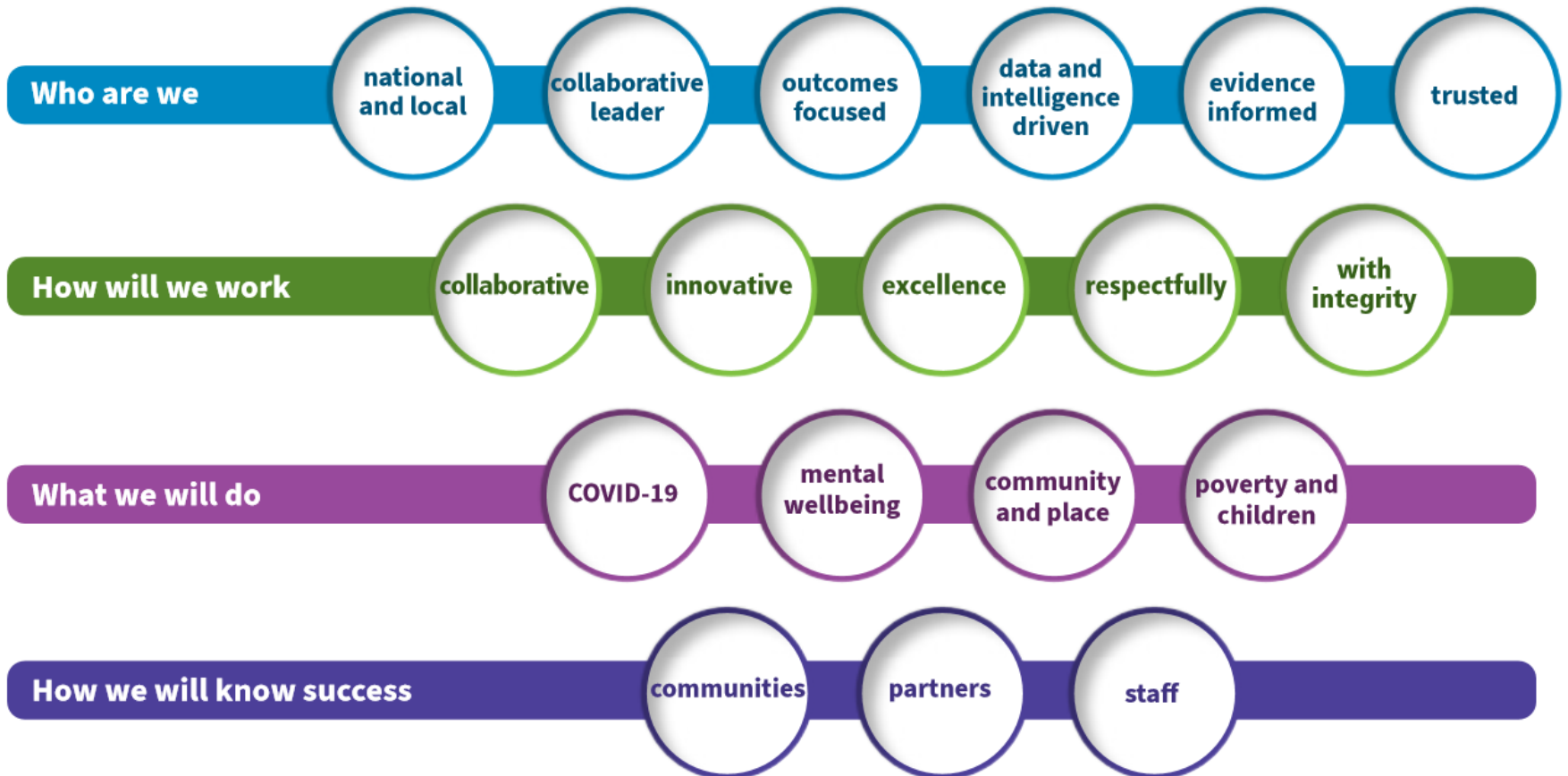
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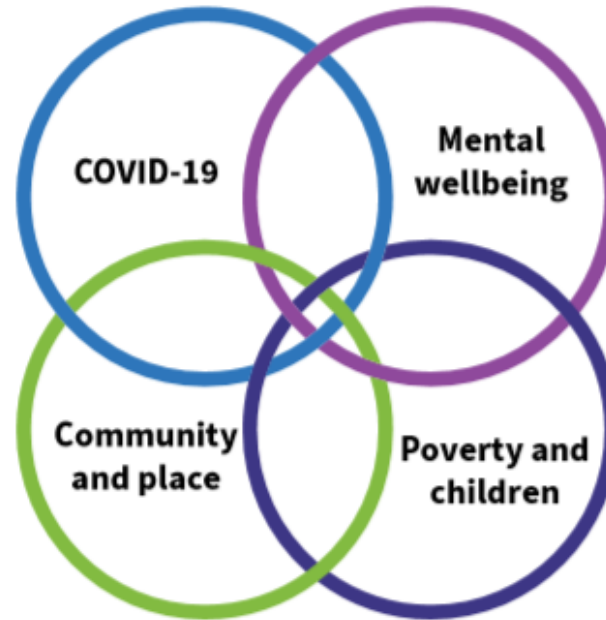


# Our strategic plan 2020-2023



# Areas of focus

Public Health Scotland's four areas  
of focus contribute to Scotland's  
public health priorities



# Collaboration



# Partnerships



**POLICE  
SCOTLAND**

**sportscotland**  
the national agency for sport

**Food Standards  
Scotland**

**is.**  
improvement **service**



**Scottish  
Water**  
Trusted to serve Scotland





# The future: Strategic Plan 2022-25

We want to see

**A Scotland where everybody thrives**

Our ambition is for

Life expectancy in Scotland to be the best in Western Europe

The elimination of the 10-year difference in life expectancy between the poorest and wealthiest neighbourhoods

We lead and support work in Scotland to

Prevent disease

Prolong healthy life

Promote health and wellbeing



# The future: Strategic Plan 2022-25

To deliver our ambition, by March 2025, we want to see

Fewer people – especially in our most deprived communities – getting vaccine preventable diseases like COVID-19

Fewer people losing health to infectious and non-communicable diseases and hazards – especially Hep C, HIV, and TB

Scotland is ready for future pandemics

Fewer people dying from drug, alcohol and tobacco use

Fewer people dying from cancer

More people satisfied by the quality of public services

Over 70% of people over 55 say their health is 'good' or 'very good'

Fewer children living in poverty

60% of people describing their neighbourhoods as a 'very good' place to live

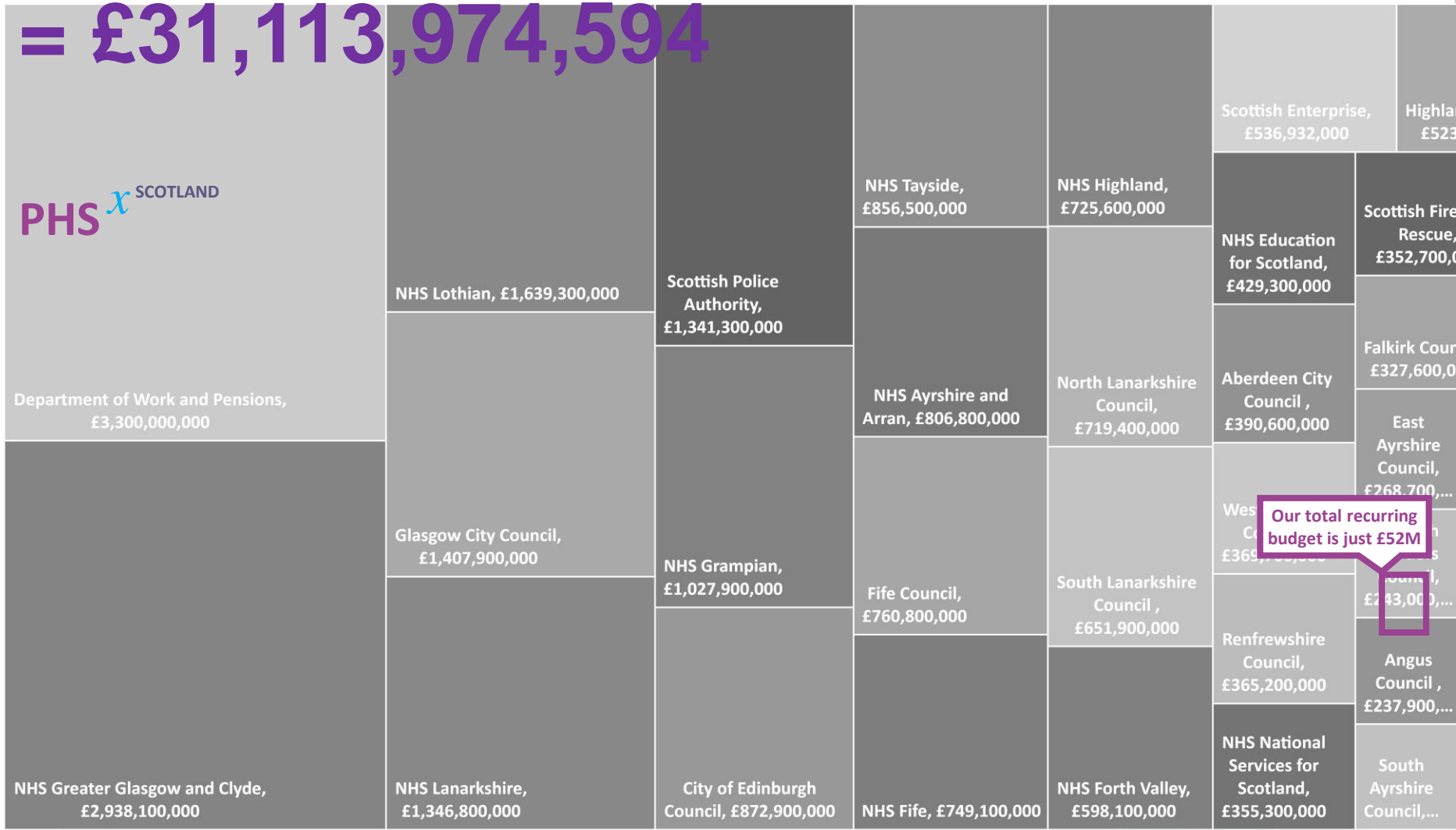
More people with improved mental wellbeing

Smaller income inequalities

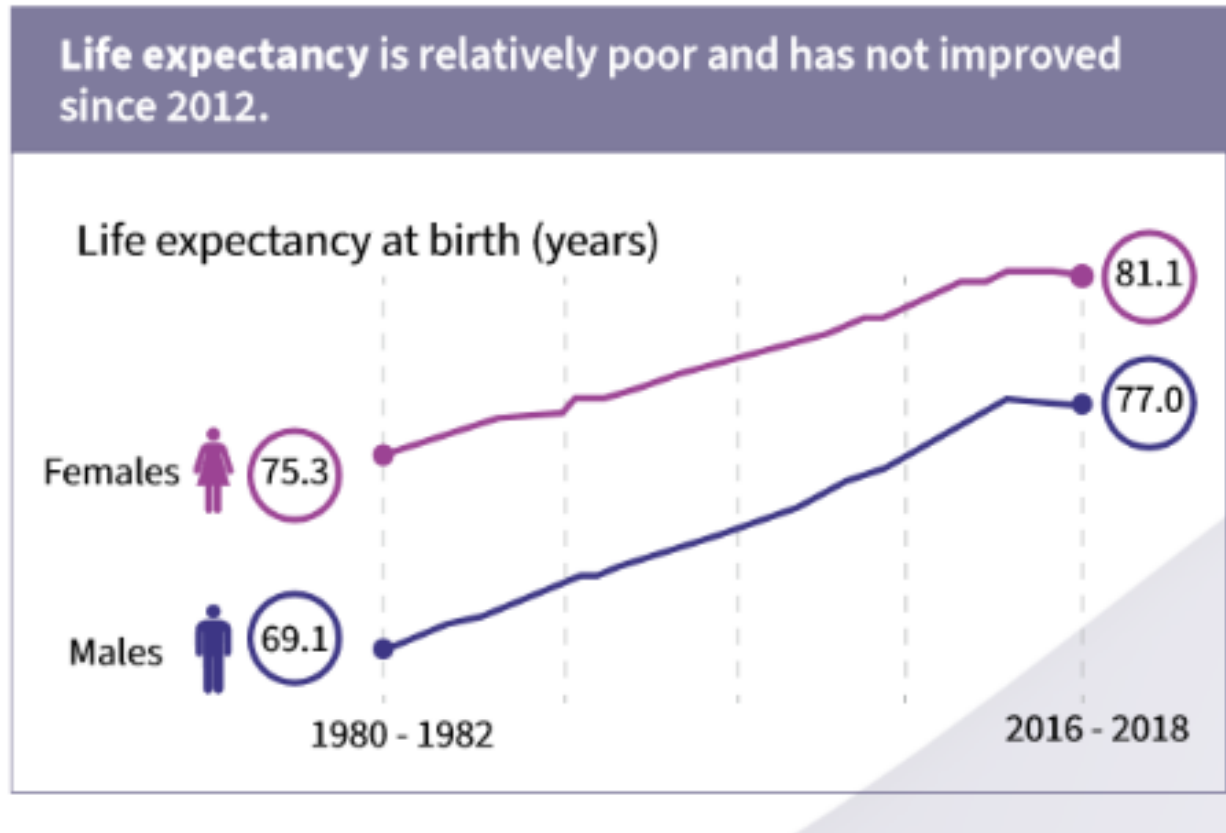


# £52m by the power of Scotland

## = £31,113,974,594



# Context and drivers: demography



# Policy context



## Outcomes



Financial security for low income households



Wellbeing of Children and Young People



Good, green jobs and fair work





# Opportunities

Review of the  
National  
Performance  
Framework

Local  
Governance  
Review

National  
Planning  
Framework 4

Review of the  
Community  
Empowerment  
Act

Housing Bill and  
Homelessness  
Prevention Duty

Rented Sector  
Strategy

Circular  
Economy Bill

Community  
Wealth Building  
Bill

Wellbeing and  
Sustainable  
Development  
(Scotland) Bill



# In summary

