NSS Board Update June 2018

Completed Key Activities
- The public health priorities were launched on 14th June by Public Health Minister Aileen Campbell and COSLA’s Health and Social Care Spokesperson Peter Johnston.
- NSS is a lead partner in 4 commissions (protecting health, improving services, underpinning data & intelligence and workforce and organisational development).
- The data & intelligence and the protecting health commissions have completed deliverable 2 of the commissioning brief (“documentation outlining current data & intelligence/ health protection functions & how they support service delivery”).

Current Key Challenges & Issues
- Uncertainty around the legal status of Public Health Scotland (PHS) continues. A decision is expected to be made by the Public Health Reform Programme Board at the end of July. The implications for staff of a decision either way are being considered and comms messages prepared along with mechanisms for managing queries around individual staff circumstances.
- The date of establishment of PHS has moved from April 2019 to “2019”. The decision on legal status will presumably impact on the timeline, and again we should be ready with messages to staff, although it is difficult to prepare given the lack of clarity.
- There has been no further communication from SG in relation to the provision of shared services and the potential role of NSS.

Upcoming Key Initiatives
- Decision on legal status due at end of July.
- Staff engagement sessions being scheduled for August.
- Due diligence documentation detailing PHI resources being prepared for sign off.