Our WHO CC will:
• Strengthen the impact and reputation, nationally and globally, of public health work undertaken in Wales
• Help drive investment and innovation for better health, well-being and equity, enabling sustainable development in Wales and the world
• Facilitate further European and global collaboration, partnerships and networking
• Enable a more effective and coherent cross-sector / cross-organisational multidisciplinary work and synergies
• Help advance applied research to inform and influence policy and practice
• Facilitate the sharing of knowledge, evidence and best practice; foster learning and professional development
• Create opportunities for pooling resources, capacities and external income generation

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The WHO CC focus

The WHO CC will support and facilitate investment for health and well-being as a driver and enabler of social, economic and environmental sustainability and prosperity for all. Over a four-year programme of work, the WHO CC will develop, collect and share information and tools on how to best invest in better health, reduce inequalities, build stronger communities and resilient systems in Wales, Europe and worldwide.

The WHO CC will inform and promote more sustainable policies; embrace the principles of human rights, equity and evidence based interventions; and help address the health and well-being needs of current and future generations.

About us

Public Health Wales is the national public health institute for Wales providing professional independent public health advice and services to protect, improve and promote health and well-being and reduce health inequalities. Our purpose is ‘working to achieve a healthier future for all’.

Public Health Wales has gained a leading international role with a long history of collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). We are recognised globally by the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI). Individuals and teams throughout Public Health Wales also have longstanding relationships with the WHO Europe and Headquarters, as well as with other international organisations, networks and partners.

The Policy, Research, and International Development Directorate works to develop and advocate for policies to improve health and well-being and reduce inequalities in Wales and abroad. We help ensure Public Health Wales is a key player in research and policy, by promoting the effectiveness, quality and efficiency of public health activities. The Directorate consists of three Divisions working closely together: Public Health Policy, Research and Development, and International Health.

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Key facts and figures

Policy, Research and International Development Directorate 600 employees
Public Health Wales 850 employees

The first and only WHO CC in the field of investment for health and well-being in the world

The WHO CC has a global reach, part of a global network of more than 700 WHO CC in 80 countries

RIP

The Office for Investment for Health and Development (the Venice Office) is the centre of excellence of the WHO Regional Office for Europe in the social and economic development of health, health equity and investment for health in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also coordinates the WHO European Regions for Health Network and the Small Countries Initiative. It aims to generate and disseminate cutting-edge knowledge and to assist the Member States of the WHO European Region by building strong partnerships and networks with governments, public and private sector, academia and think-tanks, and a broad range of civil society stakeholders.

“World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Investment for Health and Well-being”

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WHO Collaborating Centre on Investment for Health and Well-being Team and Organisational Network

Public Health Wales

Dr Tracey Cooper, MBCChB
Chief Executive of Public Health Wales
Dr Tracey Cooper has substantial health system, organisation leadership and management experience. Her career includes clinical work in emergency medicine, emergency care services and health system reform. Prior to joining Public Health Wales in 2014,Tracey had undertaken substantial work with WHO and other UN organisations including United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children’s Fund, UNICEF, WHO and other UN organisations.

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Professor Mark Bellis is Director of Policy, Research and International Development for Public Health Wales and Professor of Public Health at Bangor University. Mark has undertaken extensive research informing policy and practice in the areas of cardiovascular prevention, health systems, public health communication; investment for health, and well-being, and sustainable development. Mariana has been actively involved in public health capacity building in South Eastern Europe, and in various European health projects. She has been working with the WHO Regional Office for Europe, supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Health 2020 Strategy, the Regions for Health Network and the Healthy Cities. Mariana is a member of EU-PIHP and the European Health Forum Gastein alumni.

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