

MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY – REPORT ON PROGRESS – ACTION 30

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Date of last report	21/11/2018
Project end date	TBC
Action Number	30
Action Owner (s)	Sarah Manson, Cara Lewis, Blair Robertson
Action Link	Fiona Fraser
Action Text	Ensure equitable provision of screening programmes, so that the take up of physical health screening amongst people with a mental illness diagnosis is as good as the take up by people without a mental illness diagnosis.

Progress Update from Previous report	RAG
<p>Screening Inequalities Fund Stage 2 applications for 2019/20 funding are currently being considered and decisions will be announced shortly.</p> <p>The inequalities projects now have a dedicated space on the Knowledge Hub. This is a space for projects and those with an interest in reducing inequalities in access to screening to collaborate, seek peer support and share learning and experiences as programmes develop. A Chair has been appointed to the Screening Inequalities Steering Group, and work is underway to identify the remaining steering group members.</p>	AMBER
<p>Two projects are currently being undertaken which specifically aim to address Action 30 of the Mental Health Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Lothian/Borders/Mental Health Foundations working together to bridge the gap in Scottish National Cancer Screening Programme in those experiencing severe and enduring mental health conditions. • Continued work by NHS Lanarkshire to review options to increase the uptake to cervical, bowel and breast screening services for the homeless population. 	AMBER

Key Deliverables in next 6 months (include estimated date for each deliverable)	RAG
Allocate funding to project by Sept 2019.	Amber

What does success look like?

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| 1. An increase in participation in screening programmes by people affected by mental health. |
| 2. A clearer understanding of the barriers to screening faced by people with mental health issues and effective measures developed to tackle those barriers. |

What data (if any) can evidence delivery?
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interim and final reporting.• Increased population in screening programmes. |
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Any other comments	
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