



## National Community Planning Self-Assessment



Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) play a leading role in delivering improved outcomes for the communities they serve. To support partnerships to critically review their 'fitness for purpose' in achieving shared outcomes, the Improvement Service are proposing a new national self-assessment to be held every two years. This will be focussed at the strategic Board level using a CPP Checklist. This follows the well-established Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) Checklist Approach.

Since 2016, more than half of CPPs have successfully undertaken a self-assessment using this approach. However, this will be the first time that this approach has been applied across Scotland to provide a national overview of areas that are working well and areas where improvements could be made across community planning in Scotland.

The key aim of self-assessment at this level is to support the Board of the CPP to ensure that areas such as governance, accountability, leadership and performance management are fit for purpose to achieve the outcomes of the LOIP.

The checklist acts as a 'can opener' for identifying areas of strength across the partnership and also potential areas for improvement, which can then be developed into an improvement plan for the CPP moving forward.

## **Self-Assessment Process**

For CPPs that engage in this process, the first stage will be a short online Awareness Session to explain the process and what is required from Board members. Following this, the online checklist will be distributed to CPPs for all Board members to complete.

Once the checklist closes, the Improvement Service will analyse the findings and highlight these in a national report. The report will be completely anonymised with the findings published at a national level.

As well as the national report, each participating CPP will be provided with their own checklist report which can be used to develop an improvement plan at a local level. The Improvement Service will make the offer, if required, to facilitate a session for individual CPPs to develop their improvement plan.

## Benefits of a National Approach

- National overview of what is working well and where improvements could be made. This would provide a baseline that CPPs could use to assess progress in future years.
- National organisations, such as the IS, can use this information to further develop offers of support.
- Develop case studies based on areas of good practice which will be shared nationally.
- Individual CPP Checklist Reports that can be used at a local level to review strengths and areas for improvement, leading to the development of an improvement plan for the CPP. Individual CPP Checklist Reports will be completely anonymous and not shared beyond the CPP itself.
- No cost to partnerships to participate in the process.

This approach offers an exciting opportunity to develop a national understanding of Community Planning Partnerships that will offer both opportunities to share good practice across Scotland and provide more targeted support from national organisations.

