

The contribution of the HBSC Survey in Scotland

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Overview

- The importance of young people's health and therefore the importance of understanding it
- The contribution the HBSC survey makes to this understanding and therefore the value of the HBSC survey in Scotland
- The future of HBSC in Scotland within current work to review the C&YPs survey landscape in Scotland

The importance of youth health

- Young people's health matters – it has a wide ranging influence
- Many individual and societal changes happen during adolescence that influence health.
- These have a significant influence on health trajectories
- The case for collecting comprehensive, high quality data on youth health, and the factors influencing it is therefore strong.

The contribution of the HBSC survey

- It's made, and continues to make, a significant contribution to our understanding of youth health and its profile
- It's contribution is unique:
 1. standardised national data, allowing inspection of health and social trends over a long period of time.
 2. standardised cross-national data, enabling the examination of young people's health from a comparative perspective.
- It provides us with a broad perspective of relevant issues - some of which are unique - within the context of social determinants
- It's findings can be used nationally and locally in a variety of ways

Reviewing the survey landscape - HBSC?

- Growing concern about research fatigue in schools, lower response rates, duplication of effort and costs across the system.
- Consensus on:
 - a census approach, on a biennial cycle, collecting data structured around the SHANARRI outcomes, at key stages, with a mix of core and modular questionnaire design
 - **continuation of the international HBSC study**