

Obesity Review Group: Terms of reference

Purpose

1. The overarching purpose of the Review Group is to bring together a range of experts and delivery partners to take stock of progress in meeting national ambitions to reduce excess weight and to consider what more needs to be done to achieve maximum impact.

Objectives

2. The Group's objectives are to:
 - Consider and interpret national statistics on excess weight. This will include noting annually whether England is on track to meet the national ambitions, as well as considering important patterns and advising on the factors driving these, and the implications for future priorities.
 - Share and synthesise insights, evidence and experience of initiatives to address or prevent excess weight and of the wider obesity landscape, to build a robust picture of thinking on particular topical issues and highlight important new learning.
 - Based on the above, advise on opportunities for research and support in the future for DH and others to consider. These might cover gaps in current knowledge, national policy, or support for local efforts.

Meetings

3. The Review Group will meet three times over the first year after it is established.
4. Thereafter the Group will meet at least twice a year, with additional meetings on an exceptional basis.
5. Meeting minutes and papers will be published on the DH website.
6. Members will not repeat elsewhere the views their fellow members express in meetings and correspondence related to the Group.

Other work

7. In addition to taking forward agreed actions, members may be invited to take part in additional activities, including:
 - a. providing virtual input to specific initiatives being considered by individual members of the Group; and
 - b. sharing key data and information with members as appropriate.

Membership

8. The Review Group will be chaired by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health.
9. Other individuals beyond the official members may be invited to attend meetings to provide particular expertise.

10.If attendance at any meeting is not possible, the member in question will nominate a representative to stand in for them.

11.Membership will be reviewed periodically.