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Seminar 3 – Impact Assessment for health and planning

Effectiveness of HIA Integration in Welsh Planning

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HIA Integration into Planning

- Welsh Context
- Approach taken to gain integration
- Highlight where it has been effective to date
- Opportunities to come

Welsh Context - Wales has a devolved Government which has placed emphasis on:

- Health & Wellbeing
 - Addressing inequalities within the population
 - Sustainable Development
 - Citizen centered public services
 - Partnership working
 - Integrated agenda
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- Adoption of a Health in All Policies approach
 - WG places emphasis on best practice to consider H&WB specifically in non-health domains

Approach taken to gain integration

- Advocacy and influencing
- Practical application
- Research and resources
- Training and awareness raising

Effective.....

National Policy Level - Not statutory but Levers

- Planning Bill and Planning Policy Wales (PPW) – LDPs
- Active Travel Act and Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) (2008)
- Wales Waste Strategy and Collections, Infrastructure and Markets Waste Sector Plan (2012)
- MTAN2: Coal – open cast mining. EIAs require a broad HIA to be undertaken (2009)
- Vibrant and Viable Places: Welsh regeneration framework (2013)

Local-operational/application

- Outcomes from training
- Application at a local level

Application examples

- Road Improvement Schemes – M4 at Newport
- Local Development Plans (Swansea, Cardiff, Wrexham, Flintshire)
- Housing initiatives – Draft Housing Strategy (CCBC); Extra Care Housing (CCBC); ALS (DCC); WALLS (WG); SPG- Developments (CCBC & DCC)
- Waste Management – Biomass Plant (YM)
- Regeneration - VVP Stage 2 Funding (£13.5M to 3 LAs who used HIA)

Opportunities

- Growing Welsh Legislation
 - Public Health (Wales) Bill (2015)
 - Wellbeing of the Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015)
 - Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act (2014)
 - Environment (Wales) Bill
 - Planning (Wales) Bill
- Embedding within guidance
 - New this year the embedding of HIA in the NHS Wales Infrastructure Investment Guidance, (2015)

Opportunities continued:

- New EIA Directive (2017)
- Comprehensive training programmes
- Continued emphasis on public and community involvement

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