

System Maturity Conditions for Place-based Systemic Approaches to Physical Activity Inequalities

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Conditions for addressing physical activity inequalities in Place





Strengthening community & individual capacities

Tackling structural inequalities



1. Processes for identifying the barriers and enablers of physical activity

2. Organisational policies, processes and structures that enable place-based working

3. Capacity and capability across the workforce, volunteers and in communities

Ways of working

4. Collaboration

5. Leadership

6. Community led Action

Settings

7. Cultures and practices for physical activity

8. Built & natural environments that enable physical activity

Embedding learning

9. Cycles of learning and action

1. Process for identifying the barriers and enablers of physical activity (1/3)



There is process for developing a deep understanding and (shared) knowledge of what supports and/or prevents people being physically active, within the local context.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishing	j in practice	Embedded	in practice	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Sector			Effective capt	ture and use of da	ata and insight			
integration of physical activity	People do not gather, share, and use information on what supports or prevents people being physically active in the local context. Demographic data identifying personal characteristics is not collected.	There are plans for examples of gath sharing information insight on the property or prevent people physically active vecontext. Data on inequality collected and analypolicy and practice. Some people may build this understand these insights are valued or used to and/or practice.	ering and on, data and actical, social ars that support be being within the local ies is sometimes alysed to inform ie. If the being inform ie inform is inform it inf	information, data and coractical, social and context is often gather onterpreted, using example and relevant theories what is working and vollected and analyse and/or in terms of word and/or practice. Data and insight is or petween partners and parties occasionally.	cultural factors ent -people being in the local ered and isting evidence is to understand why. is routinely ed. aps in the data who is involved d to inform policy	Information, data a practical, social and that support or prebeing physically acclocal context is rou and interpreted us evidence and relevanterstand what is why. This highlights diverand is interpreted and/or practice. This data and insignated between painterested parties interested parties interested parties in relevant ways.	d cultural factors event -people tive within the etinely gathered sing existing rant theories to s working and erse perspectives to inform policy etht is regularly ertners and	

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1. Process for identifying the barriers and enablers of physical activity (2/3)



There is process for developing a deep understanding and (shared) knowledge of what supports and/or prevents people being physically active, within the local context.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishing	g in practice	Embedded in pr	actice					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
Strengthening	Community perspectives on challenges, strengths and priorities are valued and underpin place-based working on PA											
community & individual capacities	Barriers and enablers of physical activity and strengths that support physical activity in the local context, are defined by organisations and are incongruous with community perceptions of assets and barriers.	deep understandi supports or preve physically active.	nl people* and/or networks that with lived quality, to develop a ng of what nts people being valued or used to	There is some engage people and/or organ networks that representative of the experience of interest may be only prepresentative of the experiences of inequality in the experience of inequality is gaining support of the experience of the experienc	nisations and sent those with inequality in oping and sharing hat supports or ng physically active. Cartially e diversity of ualities.	Common understand local strengths, chall and priorities emergoregular communical strong relationships between local people and/or organisation networks which reput hose with lived exploit of inequalities. This insight is routing to shape the work of sectors to promote wellbeing.	lenges ge from tion and sole ns and present perience nely used of all					

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1. Process for identifying the barriers and enablers of physical activity (3/3)



There is process for developing a deep understanding and (shared) knowledge of what supports and/or prevents people being physically active, within the local context.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishing	g in practice	Embedded	in practice				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
Tackling	Consistent understanding of how social, cultural, and economic constraints may affect physical activity levels										
inequalities	There is limited understanding that choices are-constrained by social, cultural, and economic factors and discrimination. There is little or no consideration of power dynamics and perceptions/stereotypes which disadvantage people with particular characteristics, identities and/or lived experiences, in the local context.	There is <i>emergia</i> understanding to constrained by sand economic fadiscrimination. People in position responsibility and recognise that puractices should explore the power and perceptions which disadvant particular characticular characticu	chat choices are social, cultural, actors and ons of the beginning to policies and all consider and the deriver dynamics of stereotypes that can be compared to the companion of the beginning to policies and the consider and the consideration of the considerat	There is a growing understanding to constrained by some and economic far discrimination. Organisations can how they consider the power dynamic perceptions/stem disadvantage perparticular characticular characticu	that choices are social, cultural, actors and an demonstrate der and explore mics and reotypes which cople with cteristics, r lived	There is widesp consistent under ways in choices by social, culture economic factor discrimination. power dynamics perceptions/stedisadvantage perparticular charal identities and/of experiences. This is routinely wider responses determinants.	erstanding of the are constrained al, and as, and This includes and reotypes which eople with exteristics, ar lived				



2. Organisational policies, processes, and structures enable place-based working (1/3)



Administrative systems, policies, structures and processes effectively enable and encourage place-based ways of working to address inequalities.

	No change	Emerging in	practice	Establishing	in practice	Embedded	in practice		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Sector	Partners impl	ement practices, po	licies, and organ	nisational structures to enable place-based systemic working					
integration of physical activity	Organisational structures, policies, decision-making and administrative processes drive siloed, transactional working. Processes are rigid	There is growing rethe need to change structures, policies making and admin processes. Some short-term 'vare established to see	ecognition of ecognition ecognition of ecognition ecognition of ecognition ec	New organisational policies, decision-madministrative proceed team structures, job commissioning & fundeveloped and additional place-based system.	structures, laking and lesses (including lo descriptions, linding) are lipted to promote	Organisational structures, policies, decision-making and administrative processes have been redesigned to promote place-based systemic working. e.g., team structures, job roles, information flow, sharing			
	and often exclude partners who could support the work. Risk aversion leads to widespread reluctance to try new ways of working.	organisations but wo of sight to longer to People are beginning unhelpful or restrict and/or to challenge	ised working, within and across ganisations but with limited line sight to longer term change. cople are beginning to highlight helpful or restrictive processes ad/or to challenge risk averse ays of working, where they are		sations are eir attitude to risk te how they ess unhelpful esses, to create of working.	resources. Redesigned commissioning and funding processes build sustainable long-term capacity and collaborative ways of working Attitudes to risk are proportionate.			

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Sector integration	Partner	organisations ac	dapt communica	itions to align and	l engage with di	h diverse cultures						
of physical activity	Strategies, practices, and communications are not responsive to traditions, values, beliefs, language, and accessibility needs of groups who are less likely to be active. Assumptions or stereotypes held by local people* or staff are not challenged.	Strategies, prace communication consider tradition beliefs, language accessibility need who are less like. Assumptions or held by local permay be occasion challenged.	s occasionally ons, values, ge, and eds, of groups ely to be active. stereotypes cople or staff	Strategies, practic communications and engage in a dialogue with travalues, beliefs, la accessibility needs who are less likely Language and acceeds are usually addressed. Assurby communities often actively characteristics of the actively characteristics.	often align two-way aditions, anguage, and ds, of groups ly to be active. cessibility y proactively mptions held or staff are	Strategies, practices, communications rou systematically align two-way dialogue w values, beliefs, languaccessibility needs, care less likely to be a that are appropriate Language and access are proactively addre Assumptions held by or staff are actively salways challenged.	tinely and and engage in a ith traditions, age, and of groups who ctive, in ways and effective. sibility needs essed in this.					

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Tackling	Administrative systems, po	licies,, structur	es and process	ses enable more e	equitable sharin	g of power and resour	ces to address	
structural			inequalities a	nd their underlyi	ng drivers			
inequalities	Organisational structures,	There is emer	ging insight	New organisation	onal structures,	New organisational s	tructures,	
	decision-making and	into the ways	in which	policies, decisio	n-making and	policies, decision-ma	king and	
	administrative processes	prejudices and	d power	administrative p	processes are	administrative proce	sses are	
	reflect and reproduce the	differentials a	re reinforced	being adopted	or developed	embedded widely in	the local	
	inequalities embedded in the	in organisatio	nal structures,	to enable sharir	ng of power	system. These enable sharing of		
	organisations involved, which decision-making a		ng and	with people and	d communities	power with people and communities		
	reflect those in the wider	administrative	!	and to tackle st	ructural	to tackle structural in	nequalities.	
	society.	processes, ma	intaining	inequalities.		There is systematic s	ross policy	
	Discrimination and prejudices that contribute to poor working and living conditions are not explored . The distribution of resources tends not to take account of inequalities.	inequalities ar address discrip Some resource allocated to su disadvantaged communities.	mination. es are upport	Discrimination and prejudice are explored, often meaningfully, with some disadvantaged groups. Significant resources are focused on disadvantaged groups and communities.		There is systematic cross-policy consideration of discrimination and prejudice, including the unrecognised assumptions, biases and practices of organisations. Mainstream resources are deliberately and fairly directed toward people and communities experiencing		



3. Capacity and capability across the workforce, volunteers and in communities (1/3)



Action to develop capacity and capability across the workforce, volunteers, and communities to work in a place-based systemic approach to enable physical activity.

	No change	Emerging in	practice	Establishing I	in practice	Embedded	l in practice					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
Sector integration	Partr	Partners are investing in building capacity and capability for place-based systemic working										
of physical activity	There are no capacity and capability building strategies in planning for place-based systemic working. There is no agreed/or supported, dedicated time, for employees to work in a place-based systemic way.	Partner organisation developing plans to resources (including employees' time) in capability building systemic working. The recruiting for the skand attributes required or the skand attributes requi	o invest g n capacity and for place-based his may include kills, knowledge, ired. on that some needed to working but id capability	Partner organisation resources (including in capacity and capate strategies and/or recestills, knowledge, and place-based systemic Training, developmer networks to share be offered widely and had the to we based, systemic, and way with a focus on a inequalities.	employees' time) collity building ruiting for the d attributes for working. Int and support for est practice is as strong uptake. Hoyees with ork in a place- collaborative	attributes for s based and colla working.	force of people knowledge, and ystemic, place-aborative led in job and priorities. Indicate continuous evelopment se these skills,					

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	No change	Emerging i	n practice	Establishing	g in practice	Embedded	in practice						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
Strengthening	Working with communities and voluntary organisations to build capacity and capability												
community & individual capacities	There are no plans or strategies for capacity and capability building with local people* to work together to tackle problems of inactivity. Local community organisations do not share skills or ways of working, with each other.	There are planstrategies in development, with local peoplems of in Community or are beginning recognise the support each build skills and knowledge.	to work uple to build wledge to to tackle nactivity. rganisations to y can other to	are offered widely uptake across diventate are short temitigate poor work conditions to enal Community organ starting to suppor	egies, resources ce, which work to build skills and k together to f inactivity. These y and have broad erse communities. erm fixes to king and living ble participation. isations are t each other, to lding each other's	A broad and represe local people demons to build the skills, st capacities to solve confinactivity and inection ongoing basis. This is proactive engagement people and community barriers to participate People are fairly rew participation in capa development work. A network of community of community people are fairly rew participation in capa development work.	strate and continue rengths, and ollective problems qualities on an work includes nt to involve the nities who face cion. Farded for acity and capability unity partners is a collaborative work						

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Su	pport and resources for-commu	nities to build th	e capacities ar	nd capabilities to a	dvocate and act	to address inequal	ities
Tackling	There is a high level of	There are plans	to build the	Initiatives are in p	olace which	Initiatives are wide	ely embedded
structural	insecurity, poverty, poor	capacity and cap	ability for	build the capacity	and capability	and sustained, thr	oughout the
inequalities	working and living conditions	local people to d	define and act	for local people to	o define and act	place, which build	the capacity
	and mental stress.	on key factors in	npacting on	on key factors im	pacting on their	and capability for I	ocal people to
	This adversely affects opportunities and infrastructure for wellbeing and rewarding PA, and people tend to feel powerless to change these .	their experience and control in the localities. (e.g. hemployment issues services, or expendiscrimination).	neir lives and ousing, ues, public	experiences of discontrol in their living localities. This is inclusive on who have fewer of support networks who may otherwisparticipate.	f local people opportunities, and resources,	define and act on impacting on their dignity and contro and localities. This is inclusive of who have fewer or support networks who may otherwis participate.	l in their lives local people poortunities, and resources,



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4. Collaboration (1/3)

There is productive partnership working around a common purpose.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishin	g in practice	Embedded	l in practice				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
Sector integration	Collaborative practice within and across sectors										
of physical activity	Organisations work in silos to tackle physical activity inequalities. There is a lack of mutual understanding and shared value of physical activity within and across organisations, and PA inequalities are widely seen as the responsibility of the PA sector alone. Departments or organisations compete for resources to the detriment of tackling the underlying causes of physical inactivity. Decision-making is not shared. Contradictions in policy and practice inhibit productive working partnerships to encourage physical activity (for example economic policies to encourage people to drive into city centres, at the cost of active travel solutions).	systemic barriers t	ng together to tackle of enable people to dere is effective work lid relationships organisations. nonesty and trust and ideas around There is an ollaboration may sees or lead to his. In that decisionshared between the on of where an inhibiting and plans to	ideas to tackle sy and/or create morphysical activity of there is a shared organisations, bat communication at among people are Partners agree or resources and asseffectively to tack inequalities, this collective decision. There are examp behaviours, practively demonstrates	sations working the local place, so policy areas and stemic barriers ore comprehensive apportunities. I purpose across ased on effective and growing trust and partners. In how to make sets work more kle physical activity often drives ans. les of changes in tice and policy	There are multiple e organisations working throughout the local across policy areas and systemic barriers and comprehensive physicopportunities. The shared purpose across place-based purpose decision-making is receptive to compare the practice organisations is the result of the production of the polynomial po	I place, within and and ideas to tackle d/or create more ical activity is widely owned partners. Shared outine, the process is ses where partners of opinions. e across and within norm and persists lationships. icy and practice are and resolved and				



4. Collaboration (2/3)

There is productive partnership working around a common purpose.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishing	g in practice	Embedded	d in practice					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
Strengthening community &	Thriving community sector that works together on physical activity											
individual capacities	Limited attention is given to physical activity as part of usual work for Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations in the place. VCFSE organisations are precarious (i.e. live 'hand to mouth') and/or competitive which inhibits collaboration.	to work with ot incorporate phy into their work reach to those inactive. These efforts to limited and/or external funding	PA can align and are willing thers to ysical activity and widen who may be end to be time are bound to ng. (i.e. Efforts physical activity	Many VCFSE or recognise how with their aims are collaborating to incorporate activity into the work with individual communities are reach to those inactive. Physical activity part of usual property of usual property of usual property of contributions of contributions of contributions of contributions.	PA can align s. They ng with others physical eir ongoing viduals and nd to widen who may be y is becoming ractice for ganisations as a uting to their	individuals and co- includes, widenin those who are un pooling resources working is sustain dependent on sho For example, faith organisations wor development cha sports clubs to en	cher, with a e, and with other cies to build nto their work with mmunities. This g reach to derserved and a. This way of hable and not ort-term funding. n-based rk with community rities and local					

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4. Collaboration (3/3)

There is productive partnership working around a common purpose.

	No change	Emerging in	practice	Establishing	in practice	Embedded i	n practice					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
Tackling Structural		Collective impact on inequalities										
Inequalities	There is little interest or an absence of attention from multiple partners across policy areas to tackling structural inequalities. It is seen as responsibility of other agencies/local people and/or partners feel powerless to influence these factors.	There is shared in that structural in at the root of maproblems and the need to collabor, and within organizackle them effects. There may be constituted at strategic level to do this, but a isn't yet agreed.	equalities are any societal at there is a ate across atisations to ctively.	There is positive and examples of working betwee to tackle commo. There may be a unintegrated strate structural inequal but roles and result and shared procedures for in is less visible.	r collaborative n policy areas n root causes. unified and gy for tackling alities, sponsibilities	There is a unified standard policy areas. Shared about how to allocate tackle underlying romorm. Roles and resclear and there is maccountability. There are multiple of work that effectively structural inequalities developing 'one team organisations to work communities.	d decision making te resources to ot causes is the ponsibilities are utual examples of joint y addresses es, for example, m' across					



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5. Leadership (1/3)

Policymakers, workforce, volunteers and residents act together to build on strengths and remove barriers for tackling physical activity inequalities.

	No change	Emerging in	practice	Establishing	in practice	Embedo	ded in practice
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sector integration	Strategic leade	ers, across sector	s, promote pl	ace-based systemic a	pproaches to tackle	physical activity	inequalities
integration of physical activity	There is a lack of sustained, visible leadership, within the place, for tackling physical activity inequalities. Leadership for tackling physical activity inequalities is limited to the sport and leisure sector.	There is emerging leadership, with for place-based approaches to the physical activity inequalities. There are emerging across multiple within the place sport and leisure beginning to additional breadth of influences in the physical activity.	ng visible nin the place, systemic cackle ging leaders sectors, e, beyond e, who are dress the ences on	There is sustained vacross multiple sectors place, for place-based approaches to tackle inequalities leading policy and practice. Leaders use their interest diverse contribution making and enable. Leaders are starting challenge and change processes which are to physical activity (policy to welcome comay contradict activity)	risible leadership, tors, within the ed systemic e physical activity to changes in fluence to facilitate in to decision others to act. to recognise, ge practices and e counterproductive e.g. economic ars into city centres	There is widesp visible leadersh commitment, we place-based systackle physical at Policy and practice commitments to activity. Leaders use the facilitate diversion making to act. Leaders use the systackle physical at the	pread, sustained ip and long-term within the place, for stemic approaches to activity inequalities. tice supports o prioritise physical eir influence and se contribution to g and enable others eir positions to lenge contradictory

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5. Leadership (2/3)

Policymakers, workforce, volunteers and residents act together to build on strengths and remove barriers for tackling physical activity inequalities.

	No change	Emerging in	n practice	Establishing	in practice	Embedded in	practice
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sector integration	People at all levels	take on roles an	d responsibil	ity to tackle physica	l activity inequaliti	es and can act auton	omously
of physical activity	People at different layers* within and across the place are unable or unwilling to make decisions or take effective action to address physical activity inequalities.	There is limited distribution of making. Some people to on responsibility initiate action, may be compresed context (e.g. time restrictions or listrategic influence.	decision ake ity and but this omised by me ack of	There is some district decision making to layers to take decision aligned with the shaddress physical actinequalities. They take on some responsibilities with of influence (i.e. poinfluence workforce influence other responsibilities workforce they are	people at all ions and actions, ared vision to tivity roles and hin their sphere olicy makers can e, residents and idents and	There are multiple p layers who take infor and actions, aligned vision to address phy inequalities. They take on roles are and feel in control of They highlight things working and there are to influence upwards resolve systemic chains.	med decisions with the shared vsical activity and responsibility what they do. that are not re effective ways s/more widely to

^{*}layers refers to how people may be organised in society including traditional hierarchical intra-organisational structures i.e. Directors/Manager/Officer, and includes the public and volunteers.



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5. Leadership (3/3)

Policymakers, workforce, volunteers and residents act together to build on strengths and remove barriers for tackling physical activity inequalities.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishing	g in practice	Embedded in practice					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
Strengthening community &	Community voice and influence in partnership decision-making										
individual capacities	Local people, including those who are inactive, are not included in decision making about what creates the conditions for people to be physically active.	There are a few and advocates winfluence decisic conditions for a actions for active Community lead project based, of systemically and supported.	who make or ions to create nd/or lead on vity. dership is only, and is not	Some local people advocates effect the interests of communities -p influence decisi create condition lead on actions activity. Local people's in sometimes reach their own local of their own local of their own fully rediverse voices in their own content in their own fully rediverse voices in their own local of their own fully rediverse voices in their own local of their own fully rediverse voices in their own content in the content of th	articipate in or ons-making to as for and/or for physical affluence hes beyond community.	those who are u	eople, including underserved ed experience of cipate equally in g to create nd/or lead on ical activity.				

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6. Community-led action (1/3)

Action is shaped and led by communities and supported by community-focused strategies.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishing	g in practice	Embedded	in practice
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sector integration	Meaningful	involvement of p	people with lived	experience in o	developing sect	or-led PA initiativ	/es
of physical activity	Local people have limited influence over decisions about local programmes and resource allocation for physical activity, even if they are occasionally consulted and/or community engagement is not equitable and inclusive of diverse perspectives. There may be historical mistrust and lack of communication between communities and local agencies.	There are isolated which local people directly affected hinvolvement in decign of sector-less programmes physical initiatives (e.g. parameters) and evelopment of a programme to sure during treatment made to ensure the equitably and respectives with Historic mistrust a communication of are recognised and affected historic mistrust and and affected historic mist	e who are nave some evelopment and ed sical activity of an input into the in activity pport them be Efforts are his is done pond to diverse in communities.	happens across sectors. There is evident addressing history and communication and disadvantage communities ar	have some designing, evaluating rammes and initiatives. This multiple ce of progress in oric mistrust ation challenges, ged people and	involved in designand evaluating loand physical active. This runs through whole systems of which operate in	g those seldom encing routinely actively ning, producing cal programmes rity initiatives. The culture of organisations, equitable, accountable ways, sing levels of d trust between mmunities and

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6. Community-led action (2/3)

Action is shaped and led by communities and supported by community-focused strategies.

	No change	Emerging in practice		Establishing	in practice	Embedded	I in practice				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
Strengthening community &	Supported community-led initiatives										
individual capacities	There is limited resident or community-led physical activity. This may be due to living and working conditions working against the development of community-led initiatives or lack of responsivity of local agencies to community needs.	There are a few led initiatives for activity, with so where needed agencies/partners. Some local peoconfident to ge physical activity familiarity and local groups/or and/or the individual in the individual groups and leading them. Tensions betwee people and commay limit access cases.	or physical ome support from local ers. ple are t involved in y, due to reputation of ganisations vidual	Communities are and delivering a initiatives for phy with some involved people with lived PA inequalities. supported by loc partners where nexample with supequipment, venu writing/marketin Many local people to get involved. The between initiative opportunities durelations between	range of ysical activity ement of experience of These are often al agencies and eeded (for oport for es, bid g etc). e are confident They can move es and e to positive	accordingly with acti people with lived expinequalities. Systemic action by logartners ensures coninitiatives are routing supported where near Local people and/or initiatives for physical confidence and connicommunities, leading innovation, investments.	and deliver a wide or physical activity. essible and promoted ve involvement of perience of PA ocal agencies and munity-led ely and responsively eded. community-led al activity build nections in g to greater				

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6. Community-led action (3/3)

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	No change	Emerging in practice		Establishing	in practice	Embedded	I in practice
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tackling Structural	L	.ocal people's i	nfluence on	decisions abo	ut things that	affect their lives	
Inequalities	Priorities for development in local Places are not based on community priorities. Local people are not included in decision making about things that affect their living and working conditions. Communities feel powerless.	Some local peo advocates are vissues and conditions.	ple have so influence g about ct their	Local people e real influence setting and oth making leading increasing con- their ability to positive chang Proactive effor to ensure mult perspectives a but this is not representative affected. Networks of fr or community share ideas, ar problems toge	on priority her decision g to fidence in bring e. rts are made tiple re included, yet fully of all people riends, family, members and solve	• •	to address inequalities. y influence decisions ect their working and verse needs and itably represented in ons, trust and health whole community Local people

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7. Cultures and practices for physical activity (1/2)



There is a culturally inclusive social environment for physical activity which enables people to move more in ways that suit them.

	No change	Emerging ii	n practice	Establishing	in practice	Embedded	in practice				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
Sector	Cultures and practices in local institutional settings and workplaces enable and motivate moving more										
Integration of physical activity	volunteers, or other participants in institutional settings, such as education or health and care	There are some of policies and practices that physical activity paid employed volunteers or paid work with in its settings. These diverse individual characteristics limited to a few organisations or not effective implemented.	promote cy for es, people they estitutional e respond to ual but may be w or settings,	Policies and practices physical activity in the practices of paid employed pare being implement settings. In some settings, activity or movement becoming established. These policies and princreasingly adaptive to the individual characteristic of their employees a and people they wor barriers remain.	ne everyday ployees, le they work with ted in many tings physical t is increasingly d as the norm. ractices are e and responsive aracteristics nd volunteers,	Policies and practices physical activity in evwidely and effectivel making regular move leading to increased employees, volunteed work with. These policies and prand responsive to increased employees, volunteed work with.	eryday practices are y implemented, ment the norm, and wellbeing for paid rs and people they actices are adaptive dividual ng to inclusive active es and institutional e in most settings are the day and long				

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7. Cultures and practices for physical activity (2/2)



There is a culturally inclusive social environment for physical activity which enables people to move more in ways that suit them.

	No change	Emerging in practice Establishing in practice				Embedded	in practice
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strengthening	Inclusiv	e cultures encou	rage and facilita	te participation i	n movement /	physical activity	
community & individual capacities	Values and beliefs within many communities* inhibit participation in physical activity, including concern about/experience of negative social / cultural consequences. PA is seen as exclusive and only for certain kinds of people, while some people may feel unsafe or that that they don't belong in PA settings and activities.	Within some covalues and believed for being acceptable and believed for the local that the local people when experienced being acceptable for the local people when experienced being articipation feet confident and a	mmunities, efs about the tive in happy, ted lives, are examples of o have rriers to eling more ble to be active	There is evidence activity is increase and enjoyed the place, including communities will levels of inactivity. There are multionare of local people wexperienced base participation-increase feeling confidence be active in way them.	te that physical singly valued roughout the within those th higher ty. ple examples who have rriers to creasingly t and able to	Physical activity is and increasingly to throughout communicate. Social environmental place. Social environmental place. Social environmental place and facilitate physical everyone. Everyone in the confiction of the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them and the confidence to be a straight that suit them are confidence to be a straight that suit them are confidence to the confide	he norm unities in the onments are and encourage ical activity for ommunity, ith experience of pation, can edom and active in ways

^{*}communities may refer to geographic communities, or communities of interest or identities



8. Built and natural environments that enable physical activity (1/3)



Local natural and built environments are attractive, accessible and safe, encouraging movement and physical activity

	No change	Emerging in	n practice	Establishing	in practice	Embedded i	in practice
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sector	Design and ma	nagement of built	t and natural er	vironments to pro	mote interaction	and physical activit	ty
integration of physical activity	The physical and built aspects of the place, including housing, local amenities, travel and access to natural spaces) have evolved in ways that discourage and/or inhibit informal interaction and physical activity.	There are planne improvements to environment. (e.g plans/strategy). Tinclude planning house building ar infrastructure and natural spaces, to and managed to informal interaction physical activity.	the built g. through local his might for transport, nd improved d access to be designed encourage	Some aspects of the built environment, housing environment, spaces and infrast (including amenitiare designed and/promote inclusion informal interaction activity. This addresses bar resources experient	including ents, natural ructure es and travel) for managed to a and encourage ons and physical eriers to these	The physical and be environment, including and housing environment are sustainably demanaged to encounteractions and, put this actively promaccessibility for every community.	uding working onments, d infrastructure es and travel) esigned and/or urage informal ohysical activity.
				people experienci	ng disadvantage.		

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8. Built and natural environments that enable physical activity (2/3)



Local natural and built environments are attractive, accessible and safe, encouraging movement and physical activity.

	No change	Emerging	in practice	Establishing	g in practice	Embedded	in practice
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GEN – access to natural	-	-				ive, for everyone	
environments and public open spaces	There is limited access to the natural environment and public open spaces, in the local context. The local parks, open spaces and natural environments-are not regarded as a community assets and access to open spaces is not equitable in the local context. These spaces are often regarded as unsafe or unattractive.	natural enviro	d used as a sets in some ess to these equitable.	There is widespithe natural environment open space encourages actives and often used is arcessing these equitable for all some groups may uncomfortable uspaces or experibarriers to access distance, or lack pathways.	ronment and ces which vity, and these ed, recognised as assets. spaces is not local people. By feel using these ence practical as such as	Access to the nate environment and spaces is equital all local people. These public operecognised, valuated, as communall. As attractive they play a significant encouraging more social interaction communities fees shared ownershipspaces.	d public open ble and safe for en spaces are led and well-nity assets for environments, ficant role in wement and en, and el a sense of

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8. Built and natural environments that enable physical activity (3/3)



Local natural and built environments are attractive, accessible and safe, encouraging movement and physical activity.

	No change	Emerging i	n practice	Establishing	in practice	Embedded i	n practice						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
Tackling structural		Action to address structural inequalities reflected in living environments											
inequalities	The poor condition of the local built environment and infrastructure (including local amenities and travel) where disadvantaged local people live undermine Some work is planned/in progress to address the poor condition and safety of the local built environment and infrastructure (including local amenities and travel) where disadvantaged local people			Significant comm regeneration/ren progress to impro condition of the le environment and (including local artravel) where disacommunities live.	ewal work is in ve the ocal built infrastructure nenities and dvantaged	Large-scale, long-term investment in regeneration / renewal programmes is taking place. These programmes are shaped by participation of local people and respond to local priorities and needs in improving the condition of the local built environment and infrastructure (including local							
	safety, and local pride.	activity, safety, a pride.	and local	by evidence for he places, enabling is community activitional pride.	ncreasing	amenities and travel) guided by evidence for promoting places, en community activity, spride.	or health abling increasing						

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9. Cycles of learning and action (1/3)



There are appropriate methods in place to learn from experience and, over time, improve place-based working to address physical inactivity.

	No change	Emerging in practice		Establishing in practice		Embedded in practice	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GEN 1			Learning culture				
	There is limited belief in the possibility of change. Learning culture, (that is an environment of asking questions, seeking new knowledge and exploring different ways of doing things), is not valued or is seen as a luxury and in competition with time for delivery. Simple solutions to complex problems are sought. People want or expect certainty in relation to the outcomes of their actions. There is a lack of safety in sharing information. Problems or 'failures' tend not to be spoken about – with no constructive learning taken from them.	There is a belief in the change within indiviplaces. Some within the play value of learning. Pencouraged to be cure questions, seek out and explore different things. People and organisation increasingly comfort solutions, alone, will solve complex proble. While some recognition opportunities to lead unsuccessful initiation norm.	duals and across ace recognise the reople feel urious, to ask new knowledge, at ways of doing ations are table that simple I not be enough to ems. se them as rn, fear of airing	within the pla understand the challenges me complex solution need to adapt over time. The increasing reconsisting reconsisting different kinds such learning	ss some groups ice. People nat complex ean developing tions which t and evolve iere is cognition of the s of value that can bring.	established as the place-base approach. This attention to the of value that the	d systemic includes paying edifferent kinds also can bring to ged or affected. fortable' and rtainty is epted. People ertainty as an elearning and earn from have not gone adapt their

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9. Cycles of learning and action (2/3)



There are appropriate methods in place to learn from experience and, over time, improve place-based working to address physical inactivity.

	No change	Emerging in practice		Establishing in practice		Embedded in practice		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
GEN 2	Embedded learning processes							
	There is a lack of policies, processes, training and resources to support continuous learning (for example to reflect on practice and share ideas, knowledge, or evaluation data about effective or ineffective initiatives). Actions are disconnected from the learning processes.	There are emerging individual and team and cross-place		There are established team and cross-place processes, training as support learning who and decision-making findings from other systemic approaches captured insight. This way of working adopted in a range of organisations, as we local networks and decision informed by learning	e policies and resources to ich informs action g. This draws on place-based s, as well as locally is increasingly of local ell as within some collaborations. as are increasingly	Learning policies, procand resources are sup prioritised across the tool for operationalising systemic approach. Inclusive learning proembedded in partners individual organisation attention to local peopand wider evidence, in cycle of reviewing actional learning leading to improvement. This into stop doing things the working.	cesses are ships and ns. These pay ole's experiences na continuous ons, with insights o adaptation and cludes permission	



9. Cycles of learning and action (3/3)



There are appropriate methods in place to learn from experience and, over time, improve place-based working to address physical inactivity.

	No change	Emerging in practice		Establishing in practice		Embedded	d in practice		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
GEN 3	Evaluation uses appropriate methods for place-based working								
	Evaluation is not valued, and/or methods used are not appropriate for place-based working. For example, there is only adherence to traditional pre-post evaluation of interventions, with little attention to the influence of local context. Evaluation processes are narrowly focussed on outcomes or targets defined in advance and with no regard to local definitions of what is valued. People tend to have fixed or expert mindsets and distrust or disregard lived experience insights.	Those leading this work restablished to address this comprehensively. Some complexity sensitive methods (e.g. those that a context, consider multiple including unintended outcomers of what context of the system. There are some examples of for capturing and valuing leading this work restablished to systemic appropriate evaluation mestrategies and resources are established to address this comprehensively. Some complexity sensitive methods (e.g. those that a context, consider multiple including unintended outcomes over time and seed changes etc.) are being used parts of the system.		A range of compensation sensitive evaluation have been adopted are locally valued involved. Local people will experience of prinactivity, those PA activities or agencies locally in evaluation/leprocesses and prinsights into which difference local	ation methods ated and these and by people th lived hysical implementing involved in are engaged earning providing at makes a	are widely underst across the place painform adaptive was Local people with I physical inactivity, PA activities or involocally are contributesign, and implementation/learning providing insights it difference locally.	e-based approaches ood and adopted artnership and ays of working. ived experience of those implementing olved in agencies uting to the framing, nentation of g processes and nto what makes a shared in accessible coming spaces so ake sense of the		

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