

Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership

From our perspective investigation should focus on Scotland's challenge of premature death relating to suicide, poor mental health and substance misuse. The potential for prevention is substantial. Choose life strategies already show the positive impact these initiatives can have. The growth of peer support and the recovery movement adds potential to the preventative agenda. The motivation and expertise that comes by involving people with lived experience is an underused asset.

Preventative work will always take second place to other duties/targets unless the spending formula is prescribed/protected. Another option would be to make prevention one of the targets which would add speed and incentivise.