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Subject: RE: [EXT] NSP Update
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Dear Atiya

Our constituency representing civil society organisations that support and advocate for PLWNCDs welcomes the peer review by Public Health England. However, is a positive step, our constituency asks for some clarification. Precisely a year ago, the process stopped for about 5 months to get it 'back on track.' You will understand that some members of our group are concerned that this is just another diversion. Joe's comment and points below are supported.

Our role as civil society is to ask the questions and provide answers to those of us who use the public health system. We desperately want our lives to matter equitably.

Here are some of the questions that we have about the peer review.

Perhaps you can clarify the following about the peer review?

1. What is its objective, nature and scope?
2. Will it consider if the 'methodology' is appropriate?
3. Will it consider the whole process starting with the 2018 "review" / evaluation of the previous plan 2013-2017?
4. Will it look at content and its evolution from concept note and each draft and compare the 2013-plan with what we have today?
5. Will it look at the submissions made by stakeholders since 2018?
6. Will the full results be shared publically with the stakeholders?
7. How will we benchmark the draft? What standards will apply? UHC and the SDGs? NICE standards?
8. Will it assess the whole of government and whole of society and integration aspects?
9. Will the peer review panel include representatives of civil society the look at the needs of PLWNCDs?

In essence, we are asking about the methodology of the peer review and asking questions about issues of reliability and validity as we see it pertains to civil society.

Once again we thank you for all of your work.

We look forward to a response.

I will be around home until the virus is gone! So you can schedule any time with sufficient notice and time to read and absorb the report.

In the meantime, I will continue work on the acronyms, glossary and an integrated approach to the global and national policy. I guess that won't change much!

Kind regards

Vicki

A luta continua – the NCDs struggle continues

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Thanks Atiya for the great job and for helping steer this ship through.

As the PHE will be looking at our draft from an outsider's vantage point of view, would be good for them to tell us

- Does this document embrace the spirit of SDGs and UHC of leaving no one behind and if not how do we inject this into it.
- Are the interventions envisaged therein structured in a way to foster multi-sectoral policy engagement and or how can we improve on the wording/structuring in view of the multisectoral nature of NCDs and their determinants?
- Our dream is to see a more integrated and comprehensive policy and service delivery platform that synergizes NCDs interventions with the other primary care platforms like HIV, maternal health, child health, MH, TB etc....does this come out in our draft? Have we ourselves created those points of linkage from our side of the policy silo?
- The post COVID 19 reality- Does our document factor in the new realities of global health functioning that will have implications on the implementation of this document in the next 5 years.
- Coordination; As this policy making is coming from the top (even though we have involved the provinces) the biggest nightmare in implementation is coordination. Is the document practical to those on the ground who are meant to implement/actualize it? or does it sound/look too academic.
- Is it too ambitious or do we need to expand our scope
- As a five year document, does it have long term impact perspectives and follow-through potential given that for NCDs, some of the interventions need to be sustained for a while to register some appreciable change at the population level.
- Simplicity-is the document concrete yet simple enough to be read, understood and followed? Is it adaptable and implementable and does it augur well with regional and global priorities and commitments?
- Is the Equity agenda taken care of and are the interventions people centred enough to capture the input of PLWNCDs and their communities?
- Just reading through it, what roadblocks or challenges do they see ahead in the implementation of this policy document?

As they review, would be great to point out the above but more importantly to suggest to us points of improvement and suggested text to help us move the draft along. This will ensure we don't have only holes poked into the draft but suggestions on plugging them.

Have a blessed festive period colleagues.

kind regards

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*in Curbing the NCD pandemic, the cost of in-action far out-weighs the cost of action!
".....and a gram in prevention equals a tonne in treatment"*

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Dear Team

We have been offered a peer review of the NSP by Public Health England and this has been supported by Sandhya. The advantage is that this peer-review will take place over the next few weeks and feedback will be ready for us by the time we return in January. Having said that, I ask the team for the following:

- 1) Submit to me by tomorrow any areas of concern that you would like PHE to focus on
- 2) Your dates of return to work in January, so we can set a meeting to discuss the feedback and the finalisation of the NSP.

I will be away from 9 December until 4 January, so if I do not speak to you before then, Happy Holidays to everyone and a Merry Christmas to all those celebrating. May your 2021 be blessed.

Stay safe

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On Sun, Nov 29, 2020 at 11:07 PM Atiya Mosam <atiya.sph@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Team

Thank you again for all the inputs and comments. They were more extensive and nuanced than anticipated on Monday, so please forgive any omissions I may have made as I worked through them. I have tried as best to integrate all inputs received, except where I either did not understand the comment and have asked for clarification.

The following has been done:

- 1) Integration of comments and direct edits including editing and reorganisation of content
- 2) Inclusion and updating of the abbreviations, glossary and list of policies (Thank You, Vicky)
- 3) Inclusion of the updated SOs (Thank You, Sandhya) - these however have not been fully edited as per my email earlier, I am unsure as to how the new content interfaces with the old and whether it replaces the text based version of the SOs completely in favour of the table.

The elements that have not been included yet include:

- 1) Ministers and DGs forewords
- 2) Executive Summary
- 3) References (this will only be done once the document is finalised as editing by different people may confuse the reference manager as we do not use a consistent system among us)

I am able to spare 2 hours on Thursday to update Chapter 3 and do any last edits.

Vicky, as to your request on the way forward, I expect Sandhya will advise based on this email and the new draft received.

Thank you
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