**Chapter 15 Health policy – questions**

Self assessment

Question 1 of 3

Which of the following is not one of the contextual factors which impacts on national health policy identified by Leichter?

1. Situational
2. Economic
3. Structural
4. Cultural
5. Environments Question 2 of 3

Which of the following is not a policy objective from ‘Fair Society, Healthy Lives’?

1. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
2. Create fair employment and good work for all
3. Tackle fuel poverty
4. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
5. Give every child the best start in life Question 3 of 3

Which of the following is not a commonly understood characteristics of whole systems working:

A) That services are responsible to the needs of individual patients/clients.

B) That all stakeholders accept their inter-dependency.

C) That partnerships are advanced by sharing a vision of the service priorities.

D) Stakeholders have access to budgets in common.

E) That users of the system do not experience unnecessary gaps or duplication.

1. Short answer questions

Question 1 of 3

Briefly describe what you understand by the term ‘policy’? Question 2 of 3

What are three main arguments for and against introducing markets in health care? Question 3 of 3

What are the UK government’s main priorities for public health?

Interactive exercises

1. Explore national and international health policy applicable to your country of choice for a key PH area of interest to you e.g. what policy and guidance is available for:
2. Maternal and child health;
3. Healthy behaviours;
4. Poverty and social determinants of health;

2. Visit the England OHID Fingertips website to view the Public Health Outcomes Framework <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework> to verify/find the answers to the following questions:

1. What are the four domains covered in the Public Health outcomes framework?
2. How many indicators are included under each domain and what are they? How do they inform policy and action?
3. Identify a few indicators which are still under development and consider why they are hard to develop.

Web resources and further reading

1. [UK dept of Health and Social Care](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care)
2. [Health Service Management centre](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx) - University of Birmingham centre for research, evaluation, teaching and professional development for health and social care organisations
3. UK based health policy Think Tanks: ([2022 BMJ article on the role of Think Tanks](https://www.bmj.com/content/376/bmj.o426))
   1. [The King’s Fund](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/)
   2. [Nuffield Trust](https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/)
   3. [Health Foundation](https://www.health.org.uk/)
   4. [Centre for Health and the Public Interest](https://chpi.org.uk/)
   5. [NHS Confederation](https://www.nhsconfed.org/)
4. [Nuffield Council on Bioethics](https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/)
5. [Mindspace – Influencing behaviour through public policy](https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/MINDSPACE.pdf)