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**Exploring local delivery to
improve health and reduce
inequalities: a sociological study
of one local public health system**

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Research Aim

To examine **policy implementation** at a local level, the overall aim of which is to understand how the **local public health system** works in **translating public health policy aspirations** into local delivery plans and activities with the aim of improving population health and reducing health inequalities.

Public health system

- Focussing on the **public health system** allows a holistic approach to be taken which deliberately avoids focussing on the component parts and instead endeavours to maintain a **focus on all underlying components in order to examine the links and interactions between them** (Hunter, 2010).
- Wider social determinants
- LSP architecture as a framework

Process

- Observations
 - Relevant meetings
- Documentary analysis
 - Key documents, agendas and minutes of meetings
- Interviews
 - Key personnel
- Focus groups (potentially)

Potential benefits/outcomes

The project may:

- raise the **profile** of health inequalities
- identify areas of **good practice**
- identify areas of effective **joint working**
- support and provide **evidence** for the Comprehensive Area Assessment.
- improve **knowledge and understanding** of partnership working and policy implementation locally

