

Reflection process on EU Health Policy

1. Although it is clearly acknowledged that material deprivation negatively effects health, this paper appears to turn this around and has health as a key driver to improve economic condition. Current health research indicates that relative deprivation is the key determinant for ill health and perhaps this should be more overtly acknowledged.
2. There is little mention of the impact of migration from new EU states on the health of migrants and on health care delivery across the EU.
3. There is little evidence of consultation with the WHO in this document.
4. Perhaps the focus on prevention could be more disease specific, e.g. inclusion of sexually transmitted diseases.
5. No mention of moves toward the standardisation of health professional education which would facilitate health professional mobility across the EU.
6. Little mention of the quality and standards agenda.

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