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| **Title of Innovation in policy and practice presentation**Healthy Auckland Together – Putting Public Health on the Agenda for Tamaki Makaurau |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)****Setting/problem**The people of Tamaki Makaurau-Auckland, New Zealand should all be enjoying opportunities to eat well, move more, and maintain a heathy weight. However, a growing obesity epidemic and inequitable health outcomes indicate otherwise. Obesity is a ‘wicked’ problem – there are no simple solutions. The evidence consistently points to the effectiveness of whole-of-environment approaches coupled with collaborative action across multiple sectors. It’s complex and fraught with challenges but, is imperative if obesity is to be halted. There are often many facets to consider e.g. multiple stakeholders, deliverables, overlapping priorities, interpersonal relationships and political nuances that need to be coordinated. **Intervention** Healthy Auckland Together [HAT] was created in 2015 as a platform for intersectoral collaboration to address the prevalence of obesity in Tamaki Makaurau. HAT connects 26 partners from public health, mana whenua, local government, academia and others to bring their own perspectives, expertise and resources to the table to tackle the wicked problem of obesity. Since its inception, HAT has worked to put the health of Tamaki Makaurau on the agenda of these intersectoral partners, and to shift the working relationships between them from consulting (informing, seeking feedback) to true collaborators (joint ownership and action).**Outcomes*** Development of active, reciprocal relationships amongst HAT partners
* Creation of new advocates for public health within non-health partner organisations
* Non-health organisations valuing and including public health outcomes in decision making
* Major collaborative projects such as Wai Auckland which is a 3 year program aimed at making tap water the first and easiest choice for Aucklanders.
* Building momentum to shift the health of people living in Tamaki Makaurau

**Implications**Recommendations for other public health practitioners looking to take on wicked problems through intersectoral collaboration:* Make the time and effort for cultivating relationships
* Find the balance between building momentum through action and making sure everyone is involved in every step
* Be agile and flex between the different paradigms and frameworks of different partners
* Consider that true collaboration is easier to develop on new, mutually defined issues and approaches, than on existing projects or work
* Maintain a sense of urgency that now is the time to act

**Preferred presentation format**Oral |