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- Immediate response is that the small section on health and wellbeing is embedded (i.e. almost lost) in Chapter 5 on People, Homes and Communities
- Focus in services side very strongly on public formal services. Not enough mention of private services, which is an unrealistic understanding of how healthcare works.
- Strong medical/risk focus – less emphasis on supports/resources for healthy living.
- Subtle emphasis on ‘unhealthy populations and practices’
- Needs to be greater joined up thinking across the chapters, in relation especially to the Rural Chapter, where access to good services (integrated across health and social care) has a direct impact on the sustainable survival of rural communities.
- Worth deepening emphasis on health and wellbeing as cross-cutting theme. While emphasis on Quality of Life important, and Fig. 5.1 does provide a holistic understanding of the determinants of same, health can get lost in this vision. But Fig. 5.1 is good to see, especially that health and nature, both appear on it alongside education, living conditions and employment.

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