#### **Aligning Wellbeing to Business Objectives**

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# Wellbeing

What is it, really?



The World Health Organization defines a healthy workplace as follows; "A healthy workplace is one in which workers and managers collaborate to use a continual improvement process to protect and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of all workers and the sustainability of the workplace by considering the following, based on identified needs."











Health and safety concerns in the physical work environment

Health, safety and wellbeing concerns in the psychosocial work environment, including organisation of work and workplace culture

Personal health resources in the workplace

Ways of participating in the community to improve the health of workers, their families and other members of the community<sup>16</sup>

#### **Levels of Intervention**

Tertiary

interventions

E.g. Employee Assistance Programmes

(treat issues)

Secondary interventions

E.g. Stress management training; mindfulness training; HRM processes like back-to-work interviews

(manage issues)

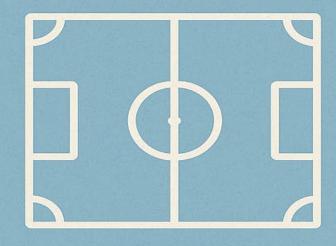
### **Primary interventions**

(prevent issues)

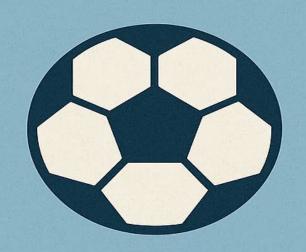
Best achieved through a culture of knowledge, trust and openness

Three levels of intervention to support Health & Well-being in the workplace (Day and Randell, 2014)

### WHAT IS WELL-BEING



Where do we play?



What are rules?





## WELL-BEING AS A BUSINESS ENABLER



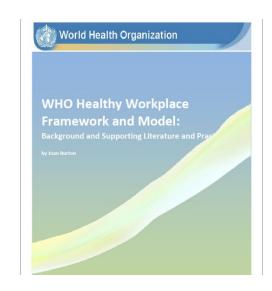
### WHO Healthy Workplace Framework

Why should employers provide a healthy workplace?

A. It is the Right Thing to Do: Business Ethics

B. It is the Legal Thing to Do: The Law

C. It is the Smart Thing To Do: The Business Case







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#### **Table Discussion**

- What are the main business objectives / key priorities for your organisation at present?
- What is keeping your SLT awake at night?





## Next Step: Draft a Wellbeing Objective aligned to our Business Objective (strategic bridge)



#### **Next Step: Setting Targets**



#### **Table Discussion – Back to the Future**

It's October 7th 2030, and you've just stepped out of your DeLorean at the CIPD Wellbeing Conference. You're the keynote speaker, here to share the results from the wellbeing objective you set back in 2025.

- "In 2025 we committed to..." [Your wellbeing objective]
- "By 2030 we achieved..." [3 x Specific results/metrics]
- "The business impact was..." [Connection to original business objective]



#### Final Step: Design & Implement Supporting Interventions



# From Random Acts of Wellness to Strategic Wellbeing

Define
wellbeing
(WHO
framework,
levels of
intervention)

Identify
business
objectives
(what keeps
leaders awake)

Align
wellbeing
objectives
(the strategic
bridge)

Set
SMART
targets
(measurable outcomes)

Design
evidencebased
interventions
(what actually
works)

### How will you take action?



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