



## *Association of Directors of Public Health*

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Dear Nick

We have not seen much media comment on the fact that key public health priorities are reflected in the recent White Paper (Our Health, Our Care, Our Say) and the NHS Operating Framework for 2006/7.

Last year the top NHS 7 priorities did not find a place for key Choosing Health priorities. The new top 6 priorities for 2006/7 on the other hand have sexual health, health inequalities (tobacco) cancer and health care acquired infections as high-level priorities. The recognition of equity of access to quality primary care and community services and the need to increase the level of investment into prevention is well covered in the White Paper.

The ADsPH particularly supports the move for joint DsPH appointments between the NHS and local authorities. So some good news in difficult times.

Yours sincerely

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