



Association of Directors of Public Health (UK)

The Association of Directors of Public Health Public Health Funding Cuts

The Association of Directors of Public Health, along with a number of organisations across the health and care community, has signed up to a joint letter calling for the decision to cut £200 million from local authorities public health grants to be reversed.

Whilst the government's commitment to increase NHS spending in real terms and its' support for the NHS 5 Year Forward View is welcomed, plans to reduce spending on prevention and public health will have a direct impact on the people and communities who rely on this funding. To reduce spending on this is inconsistent and will be profoundly damaging to the public's health and the financial stability of the NHS and social care.

Dr Andrew Furber, President of the Association of Directors of Public Health (and Director of Public Health for Wakefield) said:

"The proposed cuts to local authority public health grants will have a negative impact on the work of Directors of Public Health and their ability to improve their local communities' health & wellbeing and to reduce health inequalities. Work on prevention and early intervention is also as vital in delivering the future security of the NHS."

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Further information

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Notes to Editors

1. The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) is the representative body for Directors of Public Health (DsPH) in the UK. It seeks to improve and protect the health of the population through DPH development, sharing good practice, and policy and advocacy programmes. www.adph.org.uk
2. ADPH has a strong track record of collaboration with other stakeholders in public health, including those working within the NHS, local authorities and other sectors.

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