



The Association of Directors of Public Health

Statement on Comprehensive Spending Review

Announcement

The Association of Directors of Public Health has expressed disappointment over the Government's announcement to implement cuts to the public health grant.

In response to the Chancellor's announcement today, The Association of Directors of Public Health are very concerned and disappointed to hear that the government has made further cuts from local authorities' public health grants.

The government has been clear about its support for the NHS 5 Year Forward View, as well as its commitment to increase NHS spending in real terms. Yet a reduction to spending on prevention will directly affect local communities who are supported to live more healthily by Public Health services. Public Health services protect the public's health, for example sexual health services are one of the biggest areas of spend and vital for preventing outbreaks of sexually transmitted infections. Public Health spending saves money and prevents illness. Reducing spending on prevention will have detrimental impact on the NHS and social care.

ADPH President Dr Andrew Furber said:

"The announced cuts to the public health grant will only diminish local authorities' ability to improve the health & wellbeing of their local populations and reduce health inequalities further.

Directors of Public Health and their local authorities are now faced with the difficult task of reducing funding to essential NHS services commissioned by Councils. This will affect work on prevention and early intervention which are vital in delivering the future security of the NHS."

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Further Information

The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) is a Charitable Company Limited by guarantee and is the representative body for Directors of Public Health (DPH) in the UK.

It seeks to improve and protect the health of the population through collating and presenting the views of DsPH; advising on public health policy and legislation at a local, regional, national and international level; facilitating a support network for DsPH; and providing opportunities for DsPH to develop professional practice.

The Association has a rich heritage, its origins dating back more than 150 years. It is a collaborative organisation working in partnership with others to maximise the voice for public health. www.adph.org.uk

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

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