



Annual Review

2016-17

This year ADPH saw 160th Anniversary of its foundation jointly with RSPH since both organisations can trace their history back to 1856 – and the formation of the Metropolitan Association of Medical Officers of Health. To mark the occasion the two organisations hosted a joint event, attended by many former Presidents, to celebrate how far we have come, acknowledge achievements and the challenges still faced.

In the last 12 months in particular, the ADPH has implemented the revised Governance Framework approved at last year's AGM, succeeded in expanding our membership to include Associate Directors and Consultants in Public Health and strengthened our policy processes.

Highlights of specific achievements against our four work programmes are below. For further details visit: www.adph.org.uk.

Collective voice

- Collaboration with and communication through ADPH Networks and their coordinators established
- Presidential visits to all the networks continue to maintain the conversation on local issues and to engage with members
- ADPH co-leadership of the UK Public Health Network
- Successful bid to Health Foundation for funding for a four-nation comparative public health policy study
- Over 31,000 visits to the ADPH website since June 2016 and @ADPHUK has further increased the number of followers by 54% up to 3,959
- Weekly and monthly newsletters, briefings and other regular communications with members
- English system survey conducted with 65% of members contributing views

Aim - to share ideas and good practice, develop DPH Networks and support problem-solving.

Aim - to identify development needs and inform the design of development programmes for DsPH.

Supporting DsPH

- [2016 Annual Conference](#) on the right to health
- Joint [LGA/ADPH Public Health conference](#)
- Joint ADPH/CMO (England) conference for DsPH
- Webinar on Behavioural Sciences co-organised jointly with

PHE, Hertfordshire and Health Psychology in Public Health Network

- Co-delivery of a round table on Sexual Health and Reproductive Health: Future Directions with Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
- Co-design with PHE of the mentoring scheme for DsPH who are new in post
- Collaboration agreement with PHE to scope the wider support offer for DsPH and Associate members
- Publication of guidance on writing of DPH Annual Report endorsed by Faculty of Public Health
- Publication on the role of Director of Public Health
- Successful DPH Annual Report Competition
- Continuing collaborations/advice on DPH and workforce development programmes
- Sector-Led Improvement for English regions promoted through ADPH SLI Programme Board
- National workshop on exchanging good practice
- Associate membership promoted and growing with nearly 100 new Associate members registered

Advice & Information to Improve Public Health

- Successes within public health (extension of the ring-fence until 2019/20, announcement on commissioning of PrEP, Soft Drinks Industry Levy legislation passed as part of Finance Bill, statutory PSHE education announced)

Aim - to advise on legislation and policy at a local, regional, national and international level.

- The President, Vice President, Policy Leads and Chief Executive continue to maintain positive relationships with a range of key stakeholders
- ADPH President wrote 6 letters to national politicians to highlight issues of importance to DsPH and to encourage dialogue
- ADPH has been represented by members at more than 60 meetings, working groups or committees on a variety of topics including PH system, workforce, PH finance, CYP, obesity, sexual health, alcohol, tobacco, mental health and wellbeing, sustainable development
- ADPH maintained excellent relationship with our key partners, e.g. DH, PHE, LGA, UKHF, FPH, RSPH while working closely with other organisations on specific topics
- Public Health and Public Sector Reform document launched at ADPH/LGA annual conference

Public Health Policy

- Member input gathered through ADPH workshops, conference, Policy Advisory Groups, surveys, etc
- Policy survey report published November 2016 and used to inform priorities
- More focused media activity
- Parliamentary briefing distributed for debate on Health Inequalities – ADPH mentioned in debate by Shadow Minister for Public Health and Chair of Health Select Committee
- Responded to about 30 national consultations/inquiries
- Presentation of oral evidence to the Lords Licensing Act 2003 Committee
- Sexual Health 'Future Directions' work – multi-agency stakeholders brought together

Aim - to collate and present the views of DsPH on public health policy to national governments, the media & other organisations;

and in collaboration with others, further the development of comprehensive, equitable public health policies

Collaborative endorsements of joint reports or submissions and memberships:

- Joint publication with LGA, Defra and PHE of a toolkit entitled 'Air Quality: A Briefing for Directors of Public Health'
- Joint publications with LGA on integration including: 'Stepping up to the place – integration self-assessment tool' and a report and case studies on Public Health roles in local government and NHS
- Joint submission to the Health Committee inquiry as part of UKPHN on impact of Brexit
- Joint ADPH/PHE report entitled 'Waterpipe Smoking (Shisha) in England – The Public Health Challenge'
- Memberships: Obesity Health Alliance; Alcohol Health Alliance; Smoke Free Action Coalition

Infrastructure and governance

- Refresh of members' details for new more comprehensive database
- Strong subscription base to ensure future financial stability
- Revised governance framework implemented and kept under review
- Election process completed for new Council and Board members
- Role of Deputy CEO / Head of Policy filled with the appointment of Isobel Howe, and the role of Policy Manager (filled by Rachel Cullum) established. The new post of DPH Support Coordinator appointed
- Board carried out a review of ADPH / UKHF dependency level and confirmed organisational security within the hosting arrangement with UKHF
- New IT hardware purchased for ADPH staff team by UKHF