



The Association of Directors of Public Health

ADPH welcomes the focus on prevention but a whole system approach is needed with investment in public health

The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) welcomes the Health Secretary Matt Hancock's focus on delivering prevention at scale and looks forward to working with him to deliver the promised Green Paper.

Evidence and experience from other countries tells us that the NHS can't do this alone. To turn this into reality we need to work together across the NHS, local authorities and others, with proper investment in public health.

ADPH Chief Executive, Nicola Close, said:

"The Prevention Vision is very welcome, but to turn this into reality we need to build on our current successes and reinvest in public health and our frontline services such as obesity programmes, drug and alcohol treatment, sexual health, health visitors and school nurses.

"Next year's Spending Review provides the Government with a unique opportunity to set out a long-term funding package for public health. This must include £3.2 billion a year extra into public health grants, and additional resources to promote the wider public health agenda, from poverty to housing to transport to crime.

"If we take this approach we can make the NHS money go much further than by the NHS going it alone. Directors of Public Health stand ready to lead on this in local government.

"We call on the Health Secretary Matt Hancock to involve Directors of Public Health both nationally and locally in developing the Green Paper."

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Further information

The [Association of Directors of Public Health](https://www.adph.org.uk) (ADPH) 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 160 years. It is a collaborative organisation working in partnership with others to maximize the voice for public health.

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