



The Association of Directors of Public Health

ADPH backs call for a new focus on the first 1000 days of life

On Tuesday 26th February 2019, the Health and Social Care Committee published a report on the [First 1000 days of life](#) which urges the Government to improve support and services for children and families.

ADPH President, Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy, said:

“Every child deserves the best possible first 1000 days of life. We wholeheartedly support the call for a new cross-government strategy, adoption of a ‘child health in all policies’ approach and more investment in early intervention through the spending review.

“After years of deep cuts to public health, the Government must properly fund current provision before any extension of the Healthy Child Programme is considered.

“The focus of councils and the NHS should be on working together to deliver good outcomes for children and families.”

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About us

The Association of Directors of Public Health (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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