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Introduction to OHID London

An introduction to the London regional team of the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities, DHSC

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Introduction from OHID London's Regional Director

Since it was formed in 2021, OHID London has been working hard alongside you all to improve the health of all Londoners. I want to thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to making London the world's healthiest global city, and the best global city in which to receive health and care services. I am excited to continue working strategically with you all as we look forward at our priority areas of focus for 2023 and beyond. We will continue to work towards tackling the major population health challenges that face our great city, such as air pollution and overweight and obesity, as well as reducing the stark health inequalities that exist within and between our communities in London. Building resilience for the city is a priority for me and I am keen that we build on learning from the Covid-19 pandemic and our ongoing response to other major challenges to make lasting change for everyone.

I hope you find this overview of our work and team a helpful resource and I look forward to working with you over the coming weeks, months and years as we continue to grow and improve as an organisation.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin A. Fenton".

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What is OHID?

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) was formed in October 2021 as part of a reorganisation to incorporate the health improvement functions of Public Health England into the Department of Health and Social Care.

OHID enables us to go further in improving the nation's health and tackle health inequalities by



- placing public health at the heart of the DHSC
- creating national policy on improving health and tackling inequalities
- using the leadership of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the CMO to drive change across government and the health and care system
- bringing together different skills and perspectives to fuel innovation in policy and delivery.

OHID's London Region uses its national to local reach to strengthen place-based delivery. OHID London works with a broad range of partners including the NHS, GLA, UKHSA, Local Government and ADPH London to deliver the shared ambition for London to become the world's healthiest global city.



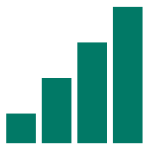
Roles and Functions of OHID London in Place



Work with OHID national teams in the design, delivery and implementation of **policies and programmes**



Systems leadership for population health and reducing health inequalities in place



Work with and **support local & regional partners to develop and deliver** integrated population health policy and programmes in place



Support the **Regional NHSE/I Population Health Priorities & Long term plan** on Prevention and Health Inequalities



Public and strategic partner **engagement, communication and mobilisation**



Enhanced **data, intelligence and insights** for population health in place



DPH appointments and public health **workforce development** in place



Assurance of the **quality and outcomes of population health programmes** in place



Promote and champion **local innovation, best practices** in place to inform and shape national policy.

Public Health Partnerships

Local Government

- Directors of Public Health & PH function in local government
- Wider determinants of health, in place
- Critical national and regional relationships with **ADPH UK** and **ADPH London**
- ADPH national policy leads
- Local Government Association
- London Councils

Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships – operating at neighbourhood, place and system

42 nationally, 5 in London

Key purpose includes:

- Improving outcomes in population health and healthcare
- Tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access

Regional Government: GLA

- London Health Inequalities Strategy
- Champion, challenge and collaborate with health & care partners
- Health, children & young Londoners unit and public health team
- GLA Group Public Health Unit, led by a DPH – with professional accountability to Regional DPH/ Mayor's statutory health adviser

Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)

- National policy on prevention, improving health and tackling inequalities within DHSC and influencing across government
- National to regional to local reach to strengthen and support place-based delivery
- Enable joined-up, sustained action between national and local, improve and level up the public's health, across the life course

NHS

Each NHS region has a joint Regional Director of Public Health (joint role with OHID).

Public health role & functions of NHS London Region include:

- Specialised commissioning and health care public health
- Health and Justice
- Immunisation and Screening
- Dental Public Health
- Prevention and Population Health
- Health Inequalities

UKHSA

- National and regional health protection and EPRR
- Health security
- Acute and emergency response to health protection issues alongside strategic programmes on key health security and inequality priorities and emerging threats eg:
 - TB, Sexual health, climate and health



London Health and Care system and strategies

London's Health and Care partners have a shared ambition to become the world's healthiest global city.

This ambition will be delivered through new and developing health, care and public health system structures, nested within the existing structures of local and regional government and the NHS.



OHID London Priorities

OHID London priorities for FY23/24



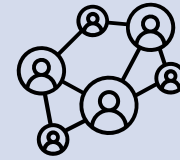
Reducing HIV transmission in London



Reducing infant and child mortality in London and giving every child the best start in life



Promoting a health in all policies approach in the GLA to tackle wider determinants of health



Tackling structural racism as a determinant of racial/ethnic health disparities



Improving air quality in London



Maximising opportunities for Londoners to find good work and remain in employment, with a focus on people with health conditions and disabilities



Tackling the major drivers of morbidity and mortality, with a focus on CVD prevention



Supporting a dynamic, thriving and diverse public health workforce



Working with partners to implement the national Drugs Strategy



Promoting and supporting public mental health and wellbeing

OHID London Teams

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The role of the Regional Director's Team is to support the Regional Director (Kevin Fenton) and the wider OHID London team.

The team is responsible for business planning, objective setting, operational business support and reporting for OHID London as a whole, in addition to supporting the Regional Director with speeches, presentations, and briefings for a wide variety of meetings, speaking engagements and governance forums.

The team develops and maintains OHID London's stakeholder engagement strategy, supports OHID London-led system governance and architecture, and undertakes horizon scanning of upcoming priority policy areas to ensure OHID London continues to head in the right direction.

The team supports key operational, finance and business continuity functions to ensure OHID London functions efficiently and effectively.

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This team works with a wide range of national, regional, sub-regional and local partners in London to provide strategic leadership, coordination, public health advice and delivery support across a range of national and regional population health priorities and programmes. The team supports the Regional Director to lead and develop the regional public health system in London.

Working with colleagues in UKHSA, the NHS, ADPH London, local government and the GLA, the team leads or supports across a number of priority partnership areas, including responding to new and emerging issues and priorities for the London region. Current team priority work areas include:-

- Asylum and Health
- Climate and Health
- Housing and Health
- Air Quality
- MECC Link London
- Work and Health

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco



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The Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco team (ADT) works with a wide range of national, regional, and local partners to reduce the harm caused by alcohol, drugs, and tobacco in London. The aim is to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities, especially the most vulnerable. Given the cross-cutting nature of the agenda the team's actions support health inclusion groups and have a positive impact on premature mortality, blood borne viruses, homelessness, adverse childhood experiences, mental health, employment, and crime. As such, most of the team's work is collaborative and co-produced. The team influences strategic activity across the system, as well as supporting a range of partners in taking action to really make a difference to Londoners.

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The Workforce Development team have a statutory duty to develop a regional workforce plan and to manage the professional appraisal function, including annual external appraisals and revalidation for consultants.

Additional areas of work include;

- the Public Health Forum, which is an opportunity for the London public health community to come together to discuss key policy issues
- research into tackling ethnic disparities in the workforce
- delivering a centralised learning and development hub
- supporting staff wanting to apply for specialist registration by portfolio
- and the development of regional CPD programme.

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The Health Improvement team collaborates with regional partners in the GLA, NHS, ADPH and London Councils, to support Londoners to remain healthier for longer. The work of the team covers a whole systems approach to healthy weight, physical activity, public mental health, NHS Health Checks, work & health, gambling and healthy places.

Fundamental to all this work is a commitment to tackling health inequalities and supporting everyone so they can expect to live more of life in good health.

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The work of the Children & Young People and Healthcare Public Health team focuses on system convening, providing and sharing public health expertise, good practice, innovation and learning, and supporting delivery across the areas of health care public health and children and young people's health and wellbeing. Current priority topics and work programmes include:

- Children and Young people's mental health and wellbeing
- Healthier Weight - Children and Families
- Reducing mortality in infants, children and young people
- 0-19 Public Health services and supporting the public health nursing workforce
- Supporting Family Hub programme delivery and early years integration
- CVD prevention.



Health Equity and Strategy

Science and Academic partnerships



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Addressing health inequalities is at the core of what we do in OHID. The health equity and strategy function focuses on advice, advocacy and action in areas where we can add value. We focus on areas where there are gaps in the evidence and where we can lead, influence and support the London health and care system.

The purpose of our science and academic partnerships is to support the health and care system to generate relevant knowledge in our work towards health equity. This is done through developing research collaborations, supporting skills transfer between public health and academic, and facilitating implementation of research findings. The aim is to harness scientific capability to improve population health and address health inequalities through innovation.

A key initiative includes the UCL-OHID researchers in residence programme, where we have recruited post-doctoral researchers to work with us in OHID on questions relevant to our work to improve the health of Londoners.

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The Service provide expert analysis for local health and care systems, to help understand and address key public health priorities. It provides an overarching population health intelligence and surveillance function via the delivery of high quality tools/products, epidemiological intelligence, and expert advice.

The team develops capacity and capability within the wider public/population health workforce, with a specific focus on health intelligence (training delivery and management of local analyst networks).



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