

The aim of the Snapshot is to provide a monthly Practice Improvement (PI) update to DsPH and their public health teams. The Snapshot is produced and managed by Jodie Demmery (SW PI co-ordinator) and Kate Blackburn (SW PI lead). If you have something that you would like included for the next issue, or any questions on what is featured in this issue, please get in touch (Jodie.Demmery@southglos.gov.uk).

South West Public Health Research Network Launches

The new South West Public Health Research Network held its inaugural meeting in June, bringing together colleagues from public health practice, academia, research infrastructure organisations and partner agencies across the region. The network has been established to strengthen collaboration between research and practice and to help ensure that evidence informs local and regional public health decision-making.

The network's vision is to create a sustainable, connected research community across the South West, acting as a catalyst for high-quality research that improves population health and reduces health inequalities. Priorities include supporting research-active local authorities, building research capacity, sharing opportunities and enabling collaboration across organisations.

The next meeting will take place on 1 October, with a public health academic lead from each local authority area across the South West invited to participate as the network continues to grow and develop.



Showcasing South West Practice Improvement Progress Nationally

The South West ADPH Network will be presenting an update on progress against the 2025-27 Practice Improvement Action Plan at the upcoming ADPH Practice Improvement Programme Board meeting in August. The South West will be represented by Kate Blackburn and Jodie Demmery, sharing key achievements, learning and emerging priorities from across the region.

The update will highlight progress across several workstreams, including public health intelligence, substance use, good food systems and smokefree generation activities. Notable achievements include the completion of a regional public health intelligence review involving all South West local authorities, a regional assessment of inpatient alcohol and substance use treatment need, and strong engagement with the Sustain Good Food Local programme.

Presenting this work nationally provides an opportunity to showcase the value of regional collaboration, share learning with other ADPH networks and contribute to the ongoing development of practice improvement across England.

Refreshing South West ADPH Representation and Leadership Roles

At the recent South West ADPH Away Day, Directors of Public Health reviewed regional leadership, representation and link roles across key programmes, partnerships and policy advisory groups.

This work aims to ensure a balanced and equitable spread of representation across the region, enabling local authorities to contribute effectively to high-profile issues while strengthening South West influence on national and regional agendas. The updated roles and responsibilities framework is currently being finalised and will support clearer leadership arrangements and stronger collaboration across the network.

