



*Association of Directors of Public Health (UK)*

## **Speaker Profiles – Afternoon Session**

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### **Chris Drinkwater**

President & Public Health Lead  
NHS Alliance

Professor Chris Drinkwater CBE, FRCGP, FFPH was an inner city GP in Newcastle for 23 years and he is now emeritus Professor of Primary Care Development at Northumbria University in Newcastle. He is the President and Public Health Lead for the NHS Alliance, a director and company secretary for HealthWORKS Newcastle (a Healthy Living Network). He chairs the Newcastle Mental Promotion and Prevention Delivery Group which is part of the Local Strategic Partnership and sits on the Newcastle Healthy Lifestyles Board, the Regional Physical Activity Steering Group, the Regional Green Exercise Group and the Regional Advisory Group for Mature and Working Age. He is also Vice-Chair of the Northumberland, Tyne & Wear Community Foundation and Chairs their Philanthropy Committee. More recently he has been elected as the independent chair of the Newcastle Bridges GP Consortium Board.

The NHS Alliance response to the PH White Papers can be found on the NHS Alliance website: <http://www.nhsalliance.org/documents/view-latest>

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### **Keith Ridge**

Chief Pharmaceutical Officer  
Department of Health

Dr Keith Ridge has been Chief Pharmaceutical Officer at the Department of Health since March 2006. He has led major changes to pharmacy including the establishment of a new pharmacy professional regulator, the General Pharmaceutical Council and was professional lead for Pharmacy in England; Building on Strengths, Delivering the Future a landmark White Paper published by the previous Government, setting out a vision for Pharmacies to provide clinical and public health services. Under the auspice of Medical Education England, he established and leads the Modernising Pharmacy Careers programme which will shape the future of undergraduate and postgraduate pharmacy education and workforce planning in pharmacy. He plays a senior role in the UK's Pandemic Influenza Programme and has represented Government nationally and internationally. Previously, he was chief pharmacist at University Hospitals Birmingham, and North Glasgow University Hospitals. As well as redesigning pharmacy services in Glasgow, he led the West of Scotland's Chief Pharmacist's successful bid to modernise pharmacy services to cancer patients and advised Scotland's Chief Pharmaceutical Officer through membership of the National Pharmaceutical Forum. He was also a founding member of the Scottish Medicines Consortium. Keith studied pharmacy at The School of Pharmacy, University of London, graduating with 1st Class Honours in 1987 and registering a pharmacist with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) in 1988. He gained a PhD from the University of Manchester in 1998, evaluating medicines systems in hospitals and in 2010 became a Fellow of the RPSGB and was awarded an honorary DSc from University of Wolverhampton for services to pharmacy. Keith has also practiced in community and industrial pharmacy. Married to Susan, they have two children, Eleanor and Mark.

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### **Paul Zollinger-Read**

Director of Commissioning Development  
East of England

Paul is a GP by training, training first at Cambridge, then at Guys Hospital, London and became a GP partner in 1991.

In the mid 1990s he became interested in management and led the Fund Holding Consortium for Braintree, a town with a population of 55,000. His work focused on waiting lists, National patient access and the Modernisation Agency. In 2002 he set up and became Chief Executive of the Braintree Care Trust for adult social care, taking on neighbouring Chelmsford PCT who were then experiencing financial difficulties.

In 2006 he became Chief Executive of North East Essex and in 2009 he took on the role of Chief Executive of Great Yarmouth PCT, continuing in his joint GP and leadership role.

In January 2010 he became Chief Executive of NHS Cambridgeshire and has also taken on the role of Chief Executive of NHS Peterborough in July 2010.

Following the publication of the White Paper he was appointed the East of England SHA Director responsible for implementation of GP Commissioning, and is involved in some of the National development work on GP consortia including authorisation and the learning network

Paul is a clinician with extensive leadership experience at national, regional and local levels. His personal areas of interest are patient safety, medical leadership and how to best develop healthy organisations.

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**Paul Edmondson-Jones**Joint Director of Public Health & Primary Care  
Portsmouth City

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Paul is the Joint Director of Public Health and Primary Care for NHS Portsmouth and Portsmouth City Council. As part of his portfolio for the PCT, he is also Director of Commissioning for Children & Families, Maternity & Newborn, Mental Health & LD Services as well as all elements of Staying Healthy. Paul is currently seconded to the PHDU at DH for one day a week to provide advice and support about the White Paper and the Health & Social Care Bill. He was recently appointed to two national committees - the Independent Advisory Committee for Resource Allocation (ACRA) and the DH & LG Programme Board.

Paul qualified from Dundee University in 1980 and, having joined the Army as a Medical Cadet in 1977, spent the next 20 years in the Army - seeing active service in the Falkland Islands (1982) and Yugoslavia (1992) and being awarded the MBE for services during the Iraq War (1991). He qualified as a Consultant In Public Health in 1990 and left the Army to join the (then) Portsmouth & South East Hampshire Health Authority in 2000, becoming DPH for Portsmouth City in 2002. He has been Secretary of ADPH for the last 3 years.

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**Gary Cook**Consultant Epidemiologist  
Stockport NHS Trust

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Dr Gary Cook is a Consultant in Public Health and Clinical Epidemiologist at the Stockport NHS FT, one of the first of 6 Foundation Trusts. He has worked for the Trust over the past 14 years. Previously he had worked in District and Regional Health Authorities. He heads up a clinical effectiveness unit in the Trust which provides support to the Trusts and wider provider community in two key areas. He works with the Medical Director through the analysis and interpretation of routine clinical data to support the clinical governance, audit, safety and quality agendas. He is the trust lead for R&D and has managed a number of cross trust benchmarking projects for hip fractures, AMI, Heart Failure and Falls and has conducted research in areas such as the use of Troponin and D Dimers.

The second area of work addresses health inequalities and health improvement supporting the Director of Nursing and her team. He and the staff in his Unit have established a provider led Greater Manchester wide health inequalities/improvement network, a national health promotion in hospital audit, developed a model for in-hospital lifestyles service which is currently being evaluated and adapted by other Trusts and conducted research in health promotion in hospitals including Vitamin D advice in maternity care. The Trust under his leadership is taking a lead in exploring a large scale change project with SHA colleagues to make every hospital contact a health improvement contact and hosted the annual International Health Promoting Hospital conference in Manchester in 2010.

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**Tony Jewell**Chief Medical Officer  
Wales

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Dr Tony Jewell took up the post of CMO Wales in April 2006. Prior to this he was Clinical Director and Director of Public Health for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Strategic Health Authority.

Dr Jewell trained as a GP and worked in East London for 10 years. He then trained in public health medicine in East Anglia becoming a Director of Public Health in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire before being appointed to the Strategic Health Authority. His professional interests include primary care, preventing accidents and injuries and reducing health inequalities.

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**Paul Lincoln**Chief Executive  
National Heart Forum

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Paul has worked in public health at local, national and international levels in the public and third sector for over 27 years. He is currently Chief Executive of the National Heart Forum, which is an UK alliance of national chronic disease charities, professional, health, social policy and consumer organisations focusing on the primary prevention of coronary heart disease and avoidable linked conditions. He is an adviser to the WHO and other international organisations on public health. He is also a member of numerous Government expert public health advisory groups. He is also the chair of the South London NHS Health Innovations and Education consortium. He was a Director at the Health Education Authority and has worked in public health in the NHS and been an educational adviser, teacher and researcher. He was awarded an OBE in the 2008 New Year honours list for services to healthcare and is a fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and honorary member of the Royal College of Physicians.

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