



*Association of Directors of Public Health (UK)*

## **ADPH Annual Conference 2011**

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Victory Services Club, 63 -79 Seymour Street, London, W2 2HF

### **Speaker Profiles – Morning Session**

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#### **Frank Atherton**

President  
Association of Directors of Public Health

Dr Frank Atherton graduated in medicine from Leeds University and worked in hospital and general practice posts around the North of England for a number of years before undertaking voluntary work as a District Medical Officer in Malawi. On his return to the UK, Frank completed specialist training in Public Health Medicine in the Yorkshire Region and then worked on international health and development issues for WHO and the UK Department for International Development in postings to the Former Yugoslavia, Tanzania, and Bangladesh.

Immediately prior to his current post in North Lancashire, Frank worked as Director of Public Health for Morecambe Bay. He is passionately interested in addressing inequalities in health at global, national and local levels.

He is an Honorary Lecturer at Lancaster University and was elected in November 2008 as President of the Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH).

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#### **Ruth Hussey**

Director of Public Health  
Public Health England Transition Team

Ruth joined the Public Health England Transition Team in April 2011 on secondment from her role as Regional Director of Public Health/Senior Medical Director in the North West that she has held since 2006. Her remit in the Transition Team is externally facing, leading engagement with key stakeholders such as Local Government and Public Health and providing advice and support to the team on public health matters.

In her previous roles, she has had a wide range of experience, covering:

- Health Improvement and Health Inequalities
- Public Health contribution to NHS Delivery and leadership of NHS programmes
- Health Protection
- Supporting the development of Social Care and Local Government partnerships in the Region
- Academic public health

Previously, Ruth held the posts of Director of Health Strategy/Medical Director at Cheshire and Merseyside Strategic Health Authority (April 2002 – July 2006) and between November 2005 and June 2006, Ruth was also the Acting Director of Public Health/Medical Director at Greater Manchester Strategic Health Authority. Prior to this Ruth held the post of Director of Public Health for Liverpool (1991 - 2002) and was Senior Lecturer at the University of Liverpool from 1989-1991.

Ruth is Visiting Professor at the University of Liverpool, and Honorary Fellow at the Liverpool John Moores University.

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**Paul Cosford**

Interim Director of Health Protection Services  
Health Protection Agency

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Dr Paul Cosford is the Interim Executive Director of Health Protection Services for the Health Protection Agency. In this capacity he leads the delivery of health protection services at local, regional and national levels, combining national specialist epidemiology and local delivery. He is also responsible for the Agency's emergency preparedness division, leading their health emergency planning function in England.

Previously Paul was the Regional Director of Public Health for the East of England, leading an integrated public health and social care team between the NHS East of England, the Department of Health and the Government Office for the East of England. His responsibilities included population health improvement, reducing inequalities, health protection and NHS emergency planning, mental health, children's health and wellbeing, sustainable development and regional partnerships to improve health. He led the region's response to pandemic flu in 2009/10, and developed an innovative model of integrated delivery of public health in the east of England.

Paul has made several national contributions, co-authoring a report for the previous Secretary of State for Health on enabling effective delivery of health and wellbeing, and chairing the Department of Health's Coalition for Better Health obesity workgroup between government, private and public sector organisations.

Paul is particularly interested in health protection, screening, behavioural risk factors for ill health, and the development of high quality clinical and public health teams.

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**John Newton**

Regional Director of Public Health  
South Central

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Prof John Newton is the Regional Director of Public Health, South Central. He was previously Head of Health Improvement with South Central SHA. Having qualified in medicine from Oxford and London, John worked in hospital medical specialities before training in public health.

He was Consultant in Public Health Medicine for the Oxford Regional Health Authority and led a team supporting the national Clinical Standards Advisory Group in the 1990s. He has also been an academic epidemiologist at the University of Oxford for eleven years and was the first CEO of UK Biobank, a large genetic epidemiology project based in Manchester.

In the NHS South Central area, he has been Director of Research and Development and Assistant Medical Director at both Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust and at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust. John retains a national role in public health information and is Honorary Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Manchester.

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**Diana Grice**

Director of Public Health  
East Sussex

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Diana qualified as a doctor at Kings College Hospital and continued her medical training in London and Oxford teaching hospitals before specialising in public health medicine. She trained on the Oxford Regional public health scheme and was appointed as a consultant between Milton Keynes District and the Oxford Region, before undertaking roles as the Director of Public Health in High Wycombe, Berkshire and Surrey and Sussex Strategic Health Authority.

She was appointed as the Public Health & Well-being and Medical Director for East Sussex Downs and Weald and Hastings and Rother primary care trusts and East Sussex County Council in November 2006. Her areas of special interest are tackling health inequalities, improving health services quality and health protection. She is also interested in developing mental health services in primary care and deprived communities.

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**David Rogers**

Chair  
Community Well-being Board, LGA

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David has been involved in Sussex local politics for over 30 years, firstly in Brighton, and since 1989 in Newhaven. Over that period he has held a range of significant positions in Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council, and also been involved with regional and sub-regional bodies.

He is currently Vice Chair of East Sussex's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and nationally is Chair of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board.

In recognition for his services to local government in East Sussex, David was awarded an OBE in June 2004.

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**Peter Hay**President & Strategic Director  
ADASS

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Peter's current responsibilities include adult social care, adult learning alongside the strategic leadership for the city in public health and its work on the health & wellbeing partnership.

From joining Birmingham in 2003, Peter has overseen major changes in residential & community provision of care. The council now offers individual budgets for all citizens recovering public funding alongside a growing emphasis on universal information, prevention & enablement.

Implementing real choice & control, alongside budget reductions and new arrangements with the NHS means that the council continues to reshape relationships with citizens and providers, to alter its own approach (such as the social work practice pilot) and to develop integrated working with NHS partners.

Peter is President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) for the 2011/12. He is also chair of Research & Practice for Adults (RiPFA).

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**Matt Dunkley**President  
ADCS

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Matt Dunkley has been Director of Children's Services in East Sussex since August 2005. He is an American Studies graduate from Sussex University. He began his career in 1983 as a graduate trainee with the Inner London Education Authority, and held senior management roles there, in Greenwich and East Sussex Education departments before becoming Director. He was awarded a Harkness Fellowship in Public Policy in 1995-96 at University of California at Berkeley. He is also President of the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS).

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**Mike Robinson**Joint Medical Director/Director of Public Health  
Hounslow

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Dr Mike Robinson is currently Director of Public Health and Medical Director at NHS Hounslow and the London Borough of Hounslow, where he has worked since April 2009. Previously Mike was Director of Public Health at NHS Wakefield and Clinical Senior Lecturer at the University of Leeds.

Before training in Public Health, Mike undertook vocational training in general practice and continues in part time clinical practice as a sessional GP.

Mike is also Head of the School of Public Health at the London Deanery, and one of 4 Directors of Training for the Faculty of Public Health, responsible for regional liaison.

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**David Kidney**Head of Policy  
CIEH

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David Kidney's first career was a solicitor in private practice specialising in personal injury and child care. During this time he was an elected Councillor for 10 years during which time he chaired the council's Housing Services Committee.

In 1997 he was elected to Parliament, the Labour MP for Stafford constituency, defeating David Cameron. 13 years Stafford's MP, David's achievements included Private Member's Bills on empty homes, food in schools and private sewers. He served Ministers in Environment, Transport and Work and Pensions as unpaid Ministerial aide (PPS), resigning a Defra PPS position when he voted against the Iraq War in 2003.

David became a DECC Minister in June 2009 with responsibility for tackling fuel poverty, promoting energy consumers' interests and green skills.

David was not re-elected in the 2010 General Election and is now Head of Policy at the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH). He is responsible for policy across a wide range of environmental health subjects including climate change, environmental protection, food safety, health and safety at work, housing conditions and public health.

The mission of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health is to maintain, enhance and promote improvements in public and environmental health. It has a very clear vision of leading, inspiring and delivering a safer, cleaner and healthier world. David's current projects include helping to design and establish a new public health service for England and contributing to public protection through effective environmental services, including regulatory services.