



ADPH welcomes the National Audit Office Report on PHE's grant to Local Authorities 2013/14

The Association of Directors of Public Health has welcomed the publication of a report by the National Audit Office on Public Health England's grant to local authorities, 2013/14.

Within the current financial climate, it is more important than ever that the ring-fenced public health grant is used to achieve the best health outcomes and value for money locally, and the transparency that the NAO report provides in illustrating effective and creative uses of the public health grant within local authorities is to be welcomed.

Dr Janet Atherton, President of the Association of Directors of Public Health said:

"We welcome the NAO Report, and the support that Public Health England provides to Directors of Public Health and their local authorities.

Local government is facing challenging financial times and it is vital that all funding is used wisely to have the best impact on outcomes for the people we serve. We are keen to continue working with PHE to identify the most cost effective ways to deliver sustainable improvements in the public's health in the rapidly changing world of local government. Using the ring-fenced public health grant well will help councils and the health system more widely to manage increasing demand for high cost health and social care interventions.

In view of this, it is disappointing that, whilst the NHS has had increases in funding, the public health grant for local authorities has not been increased for 2015-16, which will only add to financial pressures faced by local government."

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Further information

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Notes to Editors

1. The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) is the representative body for Directors of Public Health (DsPH) in the UK. It seeks to improve and protect the health of the population through DPH development, sharing good practice, and policy and advocacy programmes. www.adph.org.uk
2. Directors of Public Health (DsPH) are the frontline leaders of public health working across health improvement, health protection, and health care service planning and commissioning.
3. ADPH has a strong track record of collaboration with other stakeholders in public health, including those working within the NHS, local authorities and other sectors.
4. The National Audit Office scrutinises public spending for Parliament and is independent of government. www.nao.org.uk

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