



Association of Directors of Public Health (UK)

The Association of Directors of Public Health Statement on the Chancellor's announcement on cuts to funding for Public Health

In response to the Chancellor's announcement today, ADPH President Dr Janet Atherton said "We are very concerned and disappointed to see immediate and significant cuts to funding for Public Health. The government has stated its support for the NHS 5 Year Forward View. A critical component of this is prevention. To reduce spending on prevention is inconsistent and will be profoundly damaging to the public's health and the financial stability of the NHS and social care."

"The cuts to Public Health on top of the already substantial cuts in Local Authority budgets will have a detrimental impact on local authorities' ability to improve the health & wellbeing of people within their communities. These cuts are particularly concerning in a year when we are taking on responsibility for public health services for young children."

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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. 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.

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