



The Association of Directors of Public Health

ADPH welcomes Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) judgement

The Association of Directors of Public Health welcomes Mr. Justice Green’s decision that NHS England “has erred in deciding that it has no power or duty to commission the preventative drugs in issue”

The Association of Directors of Public Health are delighted with the news that the High Court has confirmed that the NHS does have the power to commission PrEP, and congratulate both the National AIDS Trust and the Local Government Association on their hard work in achieving this important decision.

Today’s judgment has clear wider implications for public health than just PrEP: it confirms that NHS England has wider powers on commissioning prevention than it would accept; those powers are incidental to its role and functions, and that it has important obligations to protect and promote the health of the public.

We call on NHS England to prevent further needless cost to the taxpayer, as well as the incalculable human cost of avoidable infection without this treatment. We urge them to deliver a coherent strategy to end HIV transmission in England without delay.

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