



The Association of Directors of Public Health

Directors of Public Health Welcome Appeal Court Judgement on HIV Prevention Drug Prep

The court of appeal today has decided that NHS England has wide preventive powers, including powers to commission Prep for HIV.

The Association of Directors of Public Health, which represents all Directors of Public Health in the UK, responded to the judgement by welcoming it and calling for NHS England to work with Directors of Public Health locally to implement a joined up approach to HIV Prevention.

Andrew Furber, ADPH President said:

"ADPH strongly welcome the judgement which confirms our position that NHS England has the power to commission this drug. This means the door is open for England to use Prep as a further welcome tool in preventing HIV, and save money for the NHS at the same time.

We are extremely happy that not only is a cost effective, cost saving treatment able to be commissioned by NHS England, but the Court agrees NHS England has a wider role in preventing ill-health, not just commissioning for services."

We ask NHS England and Public Health England to work together to produce for local authorities the key estimates of how many people will need access to the drug, and work with Directors of Public Health to build a joined up system of sexual health and HIV treatment and prevention in England."

"We congratulate the Local Government Association and National AIDS Trust on winning the Court's definition that NHS England has wide powers in preventing ill health, including but also beyond HIV.

"As World AIDS Day nears we are reminded that we can work together to end HIV transmission in England. This judgement puts that prize in sight. It is crucial that NHS England works with every partner in this. And we look forward to that."

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It seeks to improve and protect the health of the population through collating and presenting the views of DsPH; advising on public health policy and legislation at a local, regional, national and international level; facilitating a support network for DsPH; and providing opportunities for DsPH to develop professional practice.

The Association has a rich heritage, its origins dating back more than 150 years. It is a collaborative organisation working in partnership with others to maximise the voice for public health.

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