



The Association of Directors of Public Health

Statement on 'Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV – A Review of Commissioning'

The Association of Directors of Public Health welcomes the publication of 'Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV – A Review of Commissioning'.

The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) welcomes this comprehensive analysis of the complex commissioning of sexual health, reproductive health and HIV in England. Considerable progress has been made in improving sexual health services but significant regional variation remains in both outcomes and how sexual health services are provided and commissioned.

ADPH will continue to work with all partners to take forward the recommendations and move to a more coordinated and collaborative commissioning model which reflects local circumstances and needs.

We thank Directors of Public Health and their teams for taking the time to complete the survey.

ADPH President Dr Andrew Furber said:

“Commissioning of sexual health, reproductive health and HIV services is complex. The only way forward is through a whole system approach and this report sets out a clear plan to commission services in a more collaborative way. We are pleased to see cross-sector support for the recommendations.

Demand for sexual health services continues to grow and, particularly with the ongoing financial pressures facing local authorities, it is essential that the system works together to deliver the best value for the population and ensure we have a strong service with ease of access and joined up care pathways. The development of sexual health networks is a key way of achieving this.

Further clarity on the model for out of area tariffs would be very welcome.”

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Further information

The [Association of Directors of Public Health](http://www.adph.org.uk) (ADPH) is the representative body for Directors of Public Health (DPH) in the UK. 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 160 years. It is a collaborative organisation working in partnership with others to maximize the voice for public health.

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