



# The Association of Directors of Public Health

## ADPH statement on the publication of the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health

**The Association of Directors of Public Health welcomes the publication of the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health.**

The aim of the concordat is to adopt a prevention-focused approach to deliver better public mental health across local authorities, the NHS, private, public and VCSE organisations, education settings and employers. A public mental health informed approach to prevention is vital for delivering on the ambitions of the NHS Five Year Forward View and for tackling health inequality.

We are pleased that the concordat has been co-created and agreed by a range of partners including ADPH, the LGA, the Department of Health, and NHS England and has been endorsed by a wide range of VCSE organisations. Buy-in from stakeholders across the system is key for making real change happen.

The concordat is available to [view here](#).

ADPH President Dr Andrew Furber said:

“ADPH is proud to have helped create the concordat and to be a signatory to the consensus statement. This concordat commits organisations to pushing for joined-up, prevention-focused work to improve public mental health.

Directors of Public Health and the wider public health workforce must take the lead in improving public mental health and work to support local partners to drive improvements forward. We look forward to seeing an energized approach to public mental health from all partners as a product of this consensus statement, and a renewed focus on prevention and the wider determinants of mental health.”

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### Further information

The [Association of Directors of Public Health](#) (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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