



## The Association of Directors of Public Health **PrEP for HIV: ADPH welcomes expanded access but further work needed to protect existing services**

The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) welcomes proposals to expand the PrEP Impact Trial in England in line with our earlier calls for a major extension of access to PrEP to help end the epidemic of HIV in the UK.

ADPH supports the increase in trial places contingent upon the outcomes of further work to assess the capacity and affordability of GUM clinics and local authorities to take on additional places.

ADPH Vice President, Professor Jim McManus, said:

“We welcome the PrEP Oversight Board’s consideration of the recommendation to increase trial places from 13,000 to 26,000. This will ensure the study informs the design and rollout of a full national programme and addresses emerging questions from the trial.

“While we welcome NHS England’s commitment to fund additional places, this will still leave some costs to the sexual health clinics unfunded. ADPH stated in our earlier call for expansion that NHS England, through the savings made by switching to the generic drug Truvada, has the money to fully cover the trial-associated service costs of extending recruitment to the PrEP trial. This is important because it will avoid further financial pressures on existing sexual health services.

“We will work with our PrEP Impact Trial partners, including NHS England, Public Health England and the Department of Health and Social Care, to ensure adequate funding is in place to support nationwide trial expansion and a future nationally commissioned PrEP programme, while maintaining support for other critical sexual and reproductive health services.

“ADPH fully supports PrEP as part of an effective HIV prevention strategy, with the potential to save lives.”

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### **Further information**

The [Association of Directors of Public Health](https://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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