



## **The Association of Directors of Public Health**

### **NHS Long Term Plan action on alcohol and tobacco must link with local services**

The ADPH has welcomed a renewed commitment to reducing alcohol dependency and supporting smokers to quit through the NHS Long Term Plan, but emphasised the importance of ensuring services are joined-up with existing local authority provision.

ADPH President Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy said:

“Action to help people who are alcohol dependent and smokers is to be welcomed. However, it is crucial that new services are integrated with existing local authority led stop smoking services and alcohol interventions and supported by national policy change.

“Whilst the NHS is benefiting from more investment to deliver the NHS Long Term Plan, just before Christmas the Government announced a further £85 million of cuts to public health budgets in 2019/2020. This makes no sense.

“We would urge the NHS to work with Directors of Public Health to ensure new services are implemented in a joined-up way and call on the Government to reverse the planned cuts to public health budgets which will hinder this vital prevention work.”

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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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