



The Association of Directors of Public Health

Directors of Public Health committed to partnership working on suicide prevention

The Association of Directors of Public Health has welcomed a review of suicide prevention planning across local authorities in England.

The report, written by the Samaritans and the University of Exeter and commissioned by the ADPH and the LGA, found that almost all local authorities have an action plan and are working in collaboration to implement them. However, in part due to funding cuts, there remains scope to improve the delivery of these plans.

This follows a recent announcement by the Government of a package of suicide prevention measures, including specific funding to support local authorities to strengthen their local suicide prevention plans.

Professor Jim McManus, ADPH Vice President and joint Chair of the Suicide Prevention SLI Expert Advisory Group, said:

“Every suicide is a tragedy and this review is a welcome opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to prevention. We fully accept the recommendations made.

“Despite the £700m of cuts to public health budgets, Directors of Public Health are determined to share best practice and take a robust Sector Led Improvement approach to improving the services and support available for people in their local community.

“We are very pleased that the Government has announced specific funding to enable us, in partnership with the LGA, to take this work forward.”

ENDS

About us

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.

Contact information

Email: comms@adph.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7832 6930

Association of Directors of Public Health
20th June 2019