

Association of Directors of Public Health

A Joint Symposium

What psychology can contribute to pandemic response

15 March (13.00-16.00)

The session will be run on MS Teams. For any questions, please email membership@adph.org.uk.

This event will be chaired by:

Prof. John Drury, Professor of Social Psychology, University of Sussex

Dr Michelle Constable, Chair, Behavioural Science and Public Health Network

We encourage you to tweet about this event using the hashtag #CovidPsych22.

13.00 Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chairs opening remarks

Part A: What have we learned from Psychology for the next pandemic?

Speaker presentations and plenary discussion

Chaired by **Michelle Constable**

13.10 A view from SPI-B / SAGE

Prof. Brooke Rogers OBE, Professor of Behavioural Science and Security, King's College London

13.25 PHE/ UKHSA: What has Psychology contributed?

Prof. Richard Amlôt, Interim Deputy Director, Behavioural Science and Insights Unit, Epidemiological and Behavioural Sciences Directorate UKHSA

13.40 The British Psychology Society, Covid-19 Behavioural Science and Disease Prevention Task-Force: What have we done? What are the gaps?

Prof. Angel Chater, Health Psychologist and Professor in Health Psychology and Behaviour Change, University of Bedfordshire

13.55 Consensus Groups: What are the key things the UK system needs from Psychology? What should we be saying together?

14.20 Plenary Discussion

14.40 Comfort break

Part B: How does Psychology position itself to influence the system more effectively?

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14.50	A public health perspective on Psychology in pandemic preparedness and response: strengths, gaps and opportunities	Prof. Jim McManus , ADPH President and Director of Public Health, Hertfordshire County Council
15.05	What has Psychology contributed to Covid-19 and what do we need to keep for the future?	Prof. Stephen Reicher , Bishop Wardlaw Professor of Psychology, University of St Andrews, and Chair of the behavioural group Independent SAGE
15.20	Plenary Discussion: Where next?	
15.50	Closing remarks and next steps on a Consensus Statement	Prof. John Drury Michelle Constable
16.00	Close	

The Co-Chairs

Prof John Drury is a Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Sussex, participates in the SPI-B advisory sub-group of SAGE, the behavioural sub-group of Independent SAGE and is a member of two British Psychological Society Covid-19 task force working groups.

Dr Michelle Constable is the Chair of the Behavioural Science and Public Health Network, Head of the Behavioural Change Unit at Hertfordshire County Council and leads multiple projects on Covid-19 including supporting vaccine uptake, which were used nationally and internationally.