

# The Association of Directors of Public Health

## Commissioners' Groups



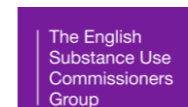
### Who are the Commissioners' Groups?

The Commissioners' Groups hosted by ADPH, are peer networks run by commissioners for commissioners – providing an important space for commissioners to meet, network and work together to improve the commissioning and delivery of integrated services and strategies locally, regionally and nationally. The groups support our Quality Improvement work by promoting and facilitating the Sector-Led Improvement (SLI) approaches to improve and challenge commissioning practice. The groups are supported by funding from the Local Authorities and secretarial support from ADPH. If you would like to know more about the Commissioners' Groups, please contact [commissioners@adph.org.uk](mailto:commissioners@adph.org.uk).



#### English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners' Group

- [EHSHCG](#) was established in 2013
- Currently has 275 members across 118 local authorities
- **England-wide strategic and supportive forum for commissioners** with responsibility for **HIV, Sexual Health, and Reproductive Health services**, for improved population and individual level outcomes relating to HIV, Sexual Health, and Reproductive Health
- Involvement in national advisory groups – policy, evidence, advice from a **commissioners' perspective** with **key stakeholders** and organisations:
  - Linking with the ADPH PAGs to align on strategic issues, and to share knowledge and good practice
  - Engagement with DHSC, LGA, ADPH, OHID, UKHSA, NHSE
  - Inputting on national strategies and policy, including the national Sexual and Reproductive Health Action Plan, national HIV Action Plan and Women's Health Strategy
  - Supporting research and insight into under-represented groups eligible for PrEP
- Recently published:
  - EHSHCG [Annual Report 2021-22](#)
  - Joint [LGA/EHSHCG report](#): Breaking point: securing the future of sexual health services
- Three **national webinars** per year for all Sexual Health commissioners
- [SLI Self-assessment tool](#) for local HIV, reproductive health and sexual health service provision – to help identify system gaps and key strengths
- Follow EHSHCG on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)



#### English Substance Use Commissioners' Group

- [ESUCG](#) was established in 2020
- Currently has 258 members across 115 local authorities
- **England-wide strategic and supportive forum for commissioners** with responsibility for **substance use services**, for improved population and individual level outcomes relating to the use of alcohol and other drugs
- **Key strategic priorities** and future focus:
  - Establishing the position with **key partners** ie JCDU, OHID, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, National Police Chiefs Council
  - **Protecting the drug and alcohol funding** now and in the future
  - Developing the **skills and capabilities of commissioners** in the substance misuse sector
  - Work together to be **the voice of commissioners**
- ESUCG [Annual Report 2021-22](#)
- Four **national webinars** per year for all Drug and Alcohol commissioners
- **Key ESUCG workstreams supporting QI**:
  - Good Practice in Commissioning
  - Preventing Drug and Alcohol-Related Deaths
  - Dual Diagnosis & Co-Occurring Conditions
  - Tier 4: Inpatient Detox and Residential Rehabilitation
- Involvement in national advisory groups – policy, evidence, advice from a **commissioners' perspective** with **key stakeholders** and organisations. Recent **representation**:
  - Linking with the ADPH PAGs to align on strategic issues, and to share knowledge and good practice
  - Engagement with OHID, CMO Roundtable, meeting with Home Office Officials on Swift, Certain, Tough white paper
  - Monthly meetings with JCDU to ensure alignment with national strategy delivery
  - Monthly meetings with provider representative bodies (Collective Voice, NHS, APA) to ensure engagement with the key provider markets



#### English Healthy Weight Commissioners' Group – watch this space

- ADPH is currently setting up a commissioners' group for Healthy Weight
- **Purpose**: to provide a **strategic and supportive forum for commissioners** with responsibility for **prevention programmes and treatment services relating to weight status and its determinants**, for improved population and patient level outcomes and the promotion of a healthier weight for all
- Monthly **Steering Group meetings** to agree the direction, remit, ToR and initial priorities
- Further information to be shared in due course