



The Association of Directors of Public Health

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ADPH Activity

New look eDPH

Welcome to our new look monthly newsletter! In it, we will be sharing updates on ADPH work as well as shining a spotlight on our members and their achievements. If you have any feedback you would like to share, please [contact us](#).

Quarterly report

The attached [report](#) gives a summary of our activity from October to December 2023, and includes details of some of our upcoming projects. If you would like to hear more about our work, please [contact us](#).

Health of the Next Generation: Good Food for Children | 16th January

ADPH has joined a coalition of organisations to publish a [report](#) calling for greater access to the Free School Meal Programme, National School Breakfast Programme, and the Healthy Start Voucher scheme. A [summary](#) for policy makers has been produced and we have also issued a [joint statement](#) welcoming the extension of the free school meal scheme in London.

ADPH Commissioners' Groups | 23rd January

[The English HIV & Sexual Health Commissioners' Group](#), and the [English Substance Use Commissioners' Group](#) have published their [annual reports](#) for 2022-23, providing an insight into who they are, what they do, and a lookback at their successes for that year.

ADPH in the news

We have had a busy start to the year with media coverage on a range of topics, including:

- An interview with ADPH President, Greg Fell on [Sky's daily podcast](#).
- An article in the [MJ](#) by Greg and Darrell Gale (DPH East Sussex) about climate change.
- Our response to the Government's [zero emission vehicle mandate](#) in [Localgov.co.uk](#).
- A [letter to the BMJ](#) in response to an [opinion piece](#) calling for a new Gambling Act.

Following the recent outbreaks of measles, our message around the importance of vaccinations has featured in a range of media, including:

- Widespread [local media coverage](#) of our joint [press release](#) with the [LGA](#).
- An interview about the outbreak with [BBC World Service](#) (Tuesday 23rd, 21:55).

We have also issued statements on the latest [Positive Voices Report](#) and the Government's response to the [Creating a Smokefree Generation and Tackling Youth Vaping consultation](#).

Visit our [website](#) to read our latest statements and Greg's [Presidential blog](#), which this month explores the commercial determinants of health.

Meet our Members



Claire Beynon | Director of Public Health | Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Claire has worked in the NHS for more than 15 years in a variety of senior roles across the UK. She completed her master's degree in public health from Cardiff University, where she is an Honorary Senior Lecturer with a particular interest in leadership and management.

Claire also has an MSc in Sport and Exercise Science, is passionate about reducing childhood obesity and has published several papers on this topic. She is currently studying for her PhD in childhood obesity.

Claire became a Consultant in Public Health in 2019 and, as Deputy Director of Public Health with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, she led on the Health Equity and Value agendas.

As one of our Associate Members, Claire sat on our Council as an Associate representative. She has also taken part in the ADPH mentoring scheme and, last month, successfully secured the position of Executive Director of Public Health.

Claire strives to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population and reduce health inequalities. In 2023, she helped establish an Equity, Equality, Experience and Patient Safety Framework and toolkit which set out how Health Board employees can proactively adjust care and treatment for those who face additional barriers to healthcare.

News from around the UK

Liverpool City Council | State of Health in Liverpool 2040 | January

'[State of Health in the City: Liverpool 2040](#)' is a report from Liverpool's Director of Public Health and ADPH Council Member, Professor Matt Ashton, that uses the latest data and research to paint a picture of health in the city.

The report describes how the city's health has evolved since 1984, the current picture, and for the first time a projection of health and wellbeing in the city for 2040 based on current trends. The report also outlines the work the council, its partners and the Government need to do to tackle the challenges being faced.

