



# The Association of Directors of Public Health

## eDPH February, 2024

### ADPH Activity

#### Infants, Children and Young People (ICYP) Project | Case studies required

We have received funding from [The Health Foundation](#) to undertake a three-year collaborative project focused on ICYP and health inequalities. As part of the project, we are conducting a [survey](#) to collate examples of good practice and case studies of work on adversity, trauma, and resilience. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

#### Planning and Public Health Workshop | 25<sup>th</sup> March

We are hosting a workshop for planning and public health professionals to come together and share learning and insights as part of our project on [Healthy Places](#) funded by [The Health Foundation](#). If you work within planning and are interested in attending, please [contact us](#).

### ADPH in the news

This month, our [response](#) to the PH Grant allocation received widespread coverage including in the [Mail, Independent](#) and [BMJ](#). Elsewhere, [Nursing Times](#) covered our response to the [Government announcement](#) on disposable vapes and [The Herald](#) covered our [response](#) to the [proposed rise to MUP](#) in Scotland.

Meanwhile, our health protection lead, Amanda Healy (DPH Durham), wrote in the [BMJ](#) about the current measles outbreak, and Julia Weldon (DPH Hull) wrote an article for the [MJ](#) about why DsPH have the right leadership qualities to make good Chief Executives.

Also this month, our President and DPH Sheffield, Greg Fell, has:

- Written in the [New Statesman](#) about why Government must not bow to industry pressure on smoking.
- Been quoted in the [New Statesman's](#).
- Spoken to the [BMJ](#) and [Sky News](#) about vaccines.
- Spoken to [Sky News](#) about children and young people's mental health.
- Written to the in response to their [article on fluoridation](#).

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

## Meet our Members

**Prof. Tracy Daszkiewicz | Executive Director of Public Health and Strategic Partnerships | Aneurin Bevan University Health Board**

Tracy began her career working with people living with or affected by HIV and has worked in health and social care for over 25 years, across the civil service, NHS, local government, and the voluntary sector.

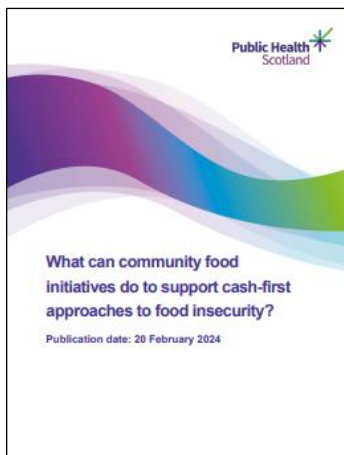
In 2003, Tracy moved into public health as a Public Health Strategist, and has always focussed on the social, economic, and environmental aspects that enable people to live safe, connected, and healthy lives. She believes that all children deserve the best start in life and can develop into healthy, productive adults living in thriving communities, where everyone has a job, a home, and a friend.

Tracy has expertise in Disaster Risk Reduction and recovery and was the DPH who led the local public health response during the Novichock incident in Salisbury in 2018. She has also worked on major incidents including pandemic flu, flooding, Foot and Mouth, Anthrax, and HIV.

Tracy holds two Honorary Doctorates and is a visiting lecturer at the [University of the West of England](#) and the [University of Exeter](#). She is also Vice President of the [Faculty of Public Health](#), a Trustee of [Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service](#), and is currently working towards a Professional Doctorate in Public Health, researching the role of public health in the human aspects of recovery following major incidents.



## News from around the UK



**Public Health Scotland | What can community food initiatives (CFIs) do to support cash-first approaches to food insecurity? | 20<sup>th</sup> February**

[Public Health Scotland](#) has published a [paper](#) exploring the use of ‘cash first’ approaches as the primary response to tackling food insecurity. It is linked to the Scottish Government [policy ambition](#) of ending the need for food banks.

Those working with CFIs might be interested in the benefits of this approach and how communities in Scotland are working with charities and agencies to support access to affordable and nutritious food. Many of the organisations detailed in the report, including [The Trussell Trust](#) and [Alexandra Rose Charity](#), run programmes across the UK.