



The Association of Directors of Public Health eDPH September, 2024

ADPH Activity

ADPH Awards 2024 | Deadline for nominations | Monday 7th October

The closing date for nominations for this year's ADPH Awards is just one week away. The [categories](#) have been chosen to highlight and celebrate good PH practice, and nominations are welcomed from **anyone** who has worked alongside Directors of Public Health (DsPH) and/or public health teams via [this nomination form](#). Winners will be selected by a panel of judges, made up of Nicola Close MBE, ADPH Chief Executive, and representatives from the awards' sponsors. Please do share the award information and nomination link far and wide!

Membership news | September

We are pleased to announce the following membership welcomes and updates:

DsPH: Louise Hurst (Interim DPH Buckinghamshire)

Associates: Ahimza Nagasivam (CPH Croydon), Emma King (CPH East Sussex), and Uju Okereke (CPH Warwickshire)

Alumni: Jane O'Grady

ADPH | Public health and planning resource

As part of our [Healthy Places project](#), we have published [a resource](#) outlining the various methods for embedding health into the planning process. The methods have been identified through consultations with stakeholders, project advisory group members, and ADPH Board and Council members.

ADPH in the news

It has been another busy few weeks for ADPH in the media:

- The [Daily Mail](#) carried a quote from ADPH President, Greg Fell, about the decline in flu vaccine uptake.
- Darrell Gale (DPH East Sussex and Chair of our Healthy Places Project Advisory Group) shared his thoughts on being a DPH in our latest [monthly member blog](#) and wrote a [guest blog for the OHA](#) on why preventing ill health and reducing health inequalities should be a primary purpose of National Planning Guidance.
- Our [press release](#) about the launch of the [ADPH/English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners' Group/Local Government Association](#) joint [report](#) calling for a new ten-year sexual health strategy was picked up by the [BMJ](#) and [Local Gov News](#).
- Our [response](#) to the [Darzi report](#) was covered in [Local Gov News](#).
- The BMJ quoted Greg Fell (ADPH President) in an [article](#) on unhealthy food and drink advertising.
- Kirsten Watters (DPH Camden) is the latest member to be interviewed for our video podcast series, [PH Spotlight](#).
- Victoria Eaton (DPH Leeds) has been interviewed by [Standout Magazine](#) about the role public

health teams play at festivals and other large events.

- We have published Greg's [latest Presidential blog](#) which considers what the Government need to do to improve health following Lord Darzi's investigation.

Please note that some articles may be behind a paywall.

Meet our Members



Judy Curson | ADPH Alumni

I was asked to reflect on some of the differences a modern DPH would notice if transported back to 1991 when I took up my post, shortly after DsPH had been invented (formerly district medical officers). DsPH were based in health, rather than in Local Authorities as in England now. Our offices were based on a site that included acute and community services as well as the sprawling mental hospital whose future closure had just come into law.

The technical infrastructure was very different, relying on a pager and landlines to stay in touch when out and there were no emails so I had a duplicate book which I used to

write notes to people I could not speak to – so I had a record of what I had asked them. Of course, I could send a letter or memo which had to be typed up on a word processor by a secretary, or I could send an urgent message by fax.

I managed to find my 1992 annual public health report. Huge progress has been made on some areas of public health focus – yet in others the challenges remain...

Read more from Judy in next month's [member blog](#).

News from around the UK

Public Health Scotland | Shaping Places for Wellbeing

Public Health Scotland's [Better Places: Why We Need Them and How We Will Get Them](#), highlights their [Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme](#), which aims to create healthier, more equitable communities through a place-based approach. The programme focuses on five [place and wellbeing outcomes](#):

- movement (active travel, public transport)
- spaces (natural and recreational spaces)
- resources (work, housing, support services)
- civic (identity, belonging, safety)
- stewardship (care, maintenance, influence)



Running until December 2024, the programme, managed by the [Place and Wellbeing Collaborative](#) which is co-chaired with Joy Tomlinson (Director of Public Health, Fife), offers a full range of [resources and tools](#) in addition to bespoke services. They are also holding a series of [webinars](#) to share insights into their work and the broader impacts of place-based wellbeing initiatives. The next in the series, which will be held on Thursday 10th October, will explore what features are needed in a place to support people to thrive.

For more information, visit the website or contact placeandwellbeing@improvementservice.org.uk.