



The Association of Directors of Public Health

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ADPH Activity

Membership news | October

This month's membership updates are:

DsPH: Alison Patey (Acting DPH Hull), Jo Tonkin (Interim DPH Birmingham), Julia Rosser (Acting DPH Halton), Matt Tyrer (DPH/CMO Isle of Man), and Sara Blackmore (DPH Windsor and Maidenhead).

Associates: Ainee Khan (CPH Wolverhampton), Claire Currie (CPH West Sussex), and Samantha Bennett (Assistant DPH Greenwich).

Alumni: Caryn Cox, Judith Stanton, and Justin Varney.

Welcome to our new Council members

A warm welcome to Nicole Klynman (DPH Bexley) and Will Maimaris (DPH Haringey), who have recently joined the [ADPH Council](#) representing London.

ADPH Awards | Shortlisted nominees

Earlier this month, we announced the [shortlisted nominees](#) for this year's ADPH Awards. The winners will be announced at our Annual Conference on Friday 22nd November.

Commercial determinants of health (CDOH) webinar: Part two | 29th October

Tomorrow, we will be holding [part two](#) of our webinar series on CDOH. 'How to talk about the commercial determinants of health to build support for action with local businesses' will hear from a Business Improvement District leader and their local DPH, discussing what persuaded them of CDOH's importance and how similar dialogues and partnerships can be established. [Frameworks UK](#) will also give the second half of their presentation on framing communications about CDOH.

Registration is still open and **all** public health professionals are welcome - please [contact us](#) to attend.

CDOH policy mapping exercise | Deadline: 7th November

We have extended the deadline for submissions for our CDOH policy map, which will be used to better understand the ongoing and planned policy work across the UK. If you are currently undertaking any CDOH related policy work, or have developed any relevant toolkits or resources, please [contact us](#).

ADPH in the news

October has been another busy month for media activity:

- Our President, Greg Fell, was quoted by the [Independent](#) in an article about a proposed water fluoridation scheme expansion, and by The [Observer](#) on a story about the new minimum unit pricing (MUP).
- The [Guardian](#) picked up the [open letter](#), signed by over 45 of our partners and stakeholders, that we sent to the PM and Chancellor urging for an increase in public health funding ahead of the budget. The letter was also featured in the [BMJ](#)'s 'Seven days in medicine', as was our [response to](#)

[Scotland's MUP rise](#). We also issued a [joint press release](#) with [ADEPT](#), [ADASS](#) and [ADCS](#) urging the Government to review local authority funding, which has been covered by [Highways News](#) and [LocalGov](#).

- Our Chief Exec, Nicola Close MBE, has written a [special blog](#) to mark breast cancer awareness month.
- Greg Fell's monthly [Presidential blog](#) covers his concerns about the use of GLP-1 drugs to tackle rising levels of obesity.
- The two latest episodes of [PH Spotlight](#), our video podcast made in partnership with [Panoramic Associates](#), are now available to watch, featuring Lucy Hubber (DPH Nottingham) and Claire Beynon (DPH Cardiff and Vale UHB).
- ADPH Vice President, Alice Wiseman, was interviewed on [Radio 4's World at One](#) about the [national conversation on the future of the NHS](#) (13:02).

Please note that some articles may be behind a paywall.

Quarterly update

The attached [report](#) gives a summary of our activity from July to September 2024 and includes details of some of our upcoming projects. If you would like to hear more about our work, please [contact us](#).

Meet our Members



Alison Challenger | Director of Public Health | West Sussex

I began my career as a nurse and midwife in Hillingdon and North Herts respectively, and later in Nottingham as a community midwife. My experiences supporting young families led me to become increasingly interested in public health, particularly the impact smoking had on not just individual health, but that of families and the wider community.

As a result, I started working in Greater Nottingham public health team and, as the strategic tobacco control manager, developed the greater Nottingham stop smoking services following the influential smoking kills white paper. I was then heavily involved in both local and regional efforts as regional lead for East Midlands public health group advocating for smoke free public places which ultimately led to the nation-wide ban on smoking in public places.

In 2005, I started my specialist training and in 2009, became a Consultant in Nottingham, later becoming the city's DPH...

Read more from Alison in our [Members' Blog](#) which will be published later this week.

News from around the UK

The Kings Fund | Public health and population health | 8th October

A new [report](#) published by [The Kings Fund](#), and supported by [The Health Foundation](#), spotlights Cheshire and Merseyside's unique model for improving health and wellbeing as an example of good practice. A collaboration between the regions nine Directors of Public Health and the Director of Population Health for Cheshire and Merseyside's ICS bridges public health efforts to tackle regional challenges like poverty and low life expectancy. This distributed leadership model influences policymaking and aligns public health priorities between local government and the NHS, and supports the [Champs Public Health Collaborative](#). Key initiatives include the [All Together Fairer programme](#) to reduce inequalities and the [All Together Smokefree programme](#).

The wider report contains the experiences of professionals across the system, including other Directors of Public Health, national public health leaders, directors of population health, and public health officers in local government and sets out recommendations and principles for local systems.

