



The Association of Directors of Public Health

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ADPH Activity

Membership news

We are pleased to announce the following membership updates:

DsPH: Rose Dunlop (Interim DPH Bradford) and Sarah Muckle (DPH Essex)

Associates: Fatai Ogunlayi (CPH Croydon), Grace Norman (Deputy DPH Jersey), Helen Johnston (CPH Nottingham), Johanna Jefferies (Associate DPH Hampshire), Matthew Olley (CPH Lancashire), and Paul Iggulden (CPH Dorset)

Alumni: Jyoti Atri

Welcome to our new Council members

This month we have welcomed Ben Anderson (DPH Rotherham) and Victoria Eaton (DPH Leeds) to the [ADPH Council](#) to represent Yorkshire and Humber.

Policy position: 0-19 safeguarding | 4th November

We have published a new [policy position](#) together with the [Institute of Health Visiting](#) and the [School and Public Health Nurses Association](#) on the safeguarding role of public health 0-19 services.

Tobacco and Vapes Bill response | 5th November

Read ADPH President Greg Fell's [response](#) to the new [Tobacco and Vapes Bill](#), which was introduced in Parliament at the beginning of this month.

Open letter to the Chancellor and Health Secretary | 8th November

Earlier this month, we [supported](#) an [open letter](#) to the Chancellor and Health Secretary calling on the Government to go 'further and faster' in accelerating financial incentives to build a healthier food industry. The letter was sent as part of the [Recipe for Change](#) campaign to make healthier food more accessible.

ADPH | Annual Conference | 22nd November

Last Friday we held our Annual Conference for members, and were delighted to be joined by a variety of speakers for our sessions:

- The gap in healthy life expectancy: Andrew Gwynne (Minister for Public Health and Prevention) and Lord Bethell (Former Health Minister).
- Tackling local inequality: Claire Beynon (DPH Cardiff and Vale UHB) and Stuart Keeble (Director of PH and Communities Suffolk).
- Community development and the DPH role: Jessica Studdert ([New Local](#)), Charlie Adan and Elle Dodd ([Collaborate](#)), Maddy Desforges OBE ([NAVCA](#)), Deborah Harkins (DPH Calderdale), Prof. Abdul Razaq (DPH Blackburn with Darwen).

We also hosted this year's [ADPH Awards Ceremony](#). Congratulations to everyone who was shortlisted, and to our winners.

ADPH in the news

It has been another busy month:

- The [New Statesman](#) published a [piece by Greg Fell on health inequalities](#).
- We published a [blog about Dr John Alcindor](#) to mark Black History Month.
- We published a member blog written by [Alison Challenger](#), Chair of our Addiction, and Workforce and Funding, [Policy Advisory Groups](#).
- Our [response](#) to an article in the Guardian regarding the rise in NICs was published.
- The [MJ](#) published an [article by Darrell Gale](#), Chair of our [Healthy Places Project](#) Advisory Group, on the importance of fostering positive working relationships between public health and planning professionals.
- The latest episode in our video podcast series, [PH Spotlight](#) landed, and features Steve Maddern (DPH, Swindon).

Please note that some articles may be behind a paywall.

Meet our Members

Dr Helen Walters | ADPH Alumni



It took me a while to find Public Health; quite a few years of GP-ing, flirting with NHS management but eventually the penny dropped, and I retrained. I loved Public Health practice, loved being deeply involved with a whole population, working in complex systems, networking across professional groups and working closely with the community.

DPH-ing was even better – especially in local government with all the above plus added influence and large doses of politics too; the satisfaction of pulling levers only I could reach to make the lives of the most vulnerable and needy better. But all good things come to an end – usually with yet another re-organisation. So, what happens after you have been a DPH? Where can you go from there?

Read more from Helen in next month's [member blog](#) – available from next week.

News from around the UK

Public Health Wales | HIV free testing kits

As part of the Welsh Government's [HIV Action Plan \(2023-2026\)](#), [Public Health Wales](#) worked together with [Fast Track Cymru](#) to improve HIV testing uptake during [Wales's HIV Testing Week](#) (18th to 21st November). The campaign



Ending **HIV** in Wales

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aimed to encourage sexually active adults to order a free and confidential HIV testing kit. Last year, this campaign saw a request of over 9,000 testing kits – available all year round from [Sexual Health Wales](#). The campaign follows a recent [report](#) produced by Public Health Wales explored behavioural determinants that influence the uptake of HIV self-testing, finding that not having to attend a clinical setting for testing meant that people were more likely to be tested.