



The Association of Directors of Public Health

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ADPH Activity

New Year Honours List | Congratulations

We are delighted to be able to congratulate ADPH Alumni Member Ivan Browne, former Director of Public Health (DPH) Leicester, on being awarded an OBE for services to Public Health, and Tracey Cooper, Chief Exec of [Public Health Wales](#), for being awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list.

LGA/ADPH | 2025 Public Health Annual Conference | 1st-3rd April

Registration is now [open](#) for our public health annual conference, held in partnership with the [LGA](#). This year, we will explore addressing health inequalities, with a particular focus on local government and system-wide perspectives.

ADPH Projects funded by The Health Foundation | Update

Last year, ADPH received funding from [The Health Foundation](#) to undertake a three-year project focusing on three topics: Commercial Determinants of Health (CDOH), Healthy Places, and Infants, Children and Young People (ICYP). It is now just over 18 months since we started the projects, and we wanted to share some of the progress that has been made in year two!

CDOH: This year, we have endorsed two new toolkits - [CDOH Essentials](#) and the [Good Governance toolkit](#), both designed to help public health professionals raise awareness of the issues around CDOH with colleagues. We have also delivered two webinars with [FrameWorks UK](#), focusing on how to communicate CDOH to different audiences and have developed [recommendations](#) to support CDOH discussions. [Find out more.](#)

Healthy Places: We have published a [resource](#) to outline methods for embedding health into the planning process and also supported the [LGA](#) with its [new guide](#). We have also formed a Planning and Health Collaborative Group, and we are working with OHID to develop a 'What Good Local Planning for Health Looks Like'. [Find out more.](#)

ICYP: Last year, we organised a workshop with [FrameWorks UK](#) on communicating about adversity, trauma, and resilience in ICYP. A set of [recommendations](#), endorsed by ADPH, [The Health Foundation](#), the [School and Public Health Nurses Association](#), [Institute of Health Visiting](#), and [NHS Scotland](#), was also published. We are now working on a 'What Good Looks Like' tool. [Find out more.](#)

If you have any questions about any of our current projects, please [contact us](#).

ADPH in the news

It has been a busy start of the year:

- The first member blog of 2025, written by Lincoln Sargeant, DPH Torbay and recipient of last year's [ADPH Mentoring Award](#), is available to read on our [website](#).
- We published a [response](#) to the [Government announcement](#) of a funding boost for the [Start for Life](#) programme for 2025/26.

- ADPH President, Greg Fell, provided a comment for a [BMJ news article](#) on the findings around calorie labelling in the recent [Cochrane Review](#).
- Two new episodes of our video podcast series, [PH Spotlight](#), are now available, featuring Kate Blackburn (DPH Wiltshire) and Jane Bethea (DPH Northamptonshire).

Meanwhile, in case you missed it, Alice Wiseman (ADPH Vice President) took part in a [Radio 4 Today programme special](#) on Christmas Eve, talking about the important role reading has to play in improving public health and wellbeing.

Quarterly update

The attached [report](#) gives a summary of our activity from October to December 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



Rachel Flowers | ADPH Alumna

Last year, I walked into a DPH interview and realised that I didn't want or need to be a DPH again... that was awkward!

As an alumni, I have seen that there are so many talented DsPH or aspirant DsPH that I also realised it was ok to let go of the baton. So, when I stepped down after over eight years as DPH in Croydon, I knew it was time for another phase of my professional career. I didn't know what that would be beyond working on my Doctor of Professional Studies about the leadership role of an English DPH in major incidents.

Being an alumni allows me to continue contributing to some of the valuable work of ADPH, such as the health protection

and addiction [policy advisory groups](#), and [mentoring scheme](#), and I continue to feel valuable and valued as well as being able to maintain a range of competencies.

Read more from Rachel in her guest blog which will be published on our [website](#) on Monday 3rd February!

News from around the UK

Glasgow | The Thistle Centre | 13th January

[Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership](#), working with [NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde](#) amongst other partners, has developed a pilot Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) known as [the Thistle Centre](#), the first of its kind to be opened in the United Kingdom.

SDCFs provide a supervised healthcare setting where individuals can inject drugs obtained elsewhere in the



presence of health and social care professionals. The primary goal of this initiative is to minimise the health risks associated with drug injection and to provide individuals with the necessary support to seek help and improve their overall wellbeing. The service also aims to reduce the harmful effects of outdoor drug use, benefiting local communities.

The centre is a significant move towards addressing the complex issues surrounding drug use with a focus on harm. Read our [press release](#) welcoming the centre's opening.