



# The Association of Directors of Public Health

## eDPH April, 2025

### ADPH Activity

#### Membership news | March

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

**DsPH:** Katy Scammell (DPH Kingston upon Thames), David Munday (DPH Buckinghamshire), Robert Carroll (DPH Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole), Emma Kain (Interim DPH Swindon) and Chloe Gay (Interim DPH West Northamptonshire).

#### ADPH becomes official supporter of Health Equals | 2<sup>nd</sup> April

We are pleased to [announce](#) that we are now an official supporter of [Health Equals](#) and its work to shape a new public conversation about health and wellbeing and influence national policy.

#### ADPH gives evidence to Health and Social Care Committee | 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Lucy Hubber (ADPH Co-Lead for Workforce and Funding and DPH Nottingham City) gave [oral evidence](#) to the [Health and Social Care Committee](#) on gambling related harms.

#### ADPH welcomes A Roadmap to a Smokefree Country report | 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Alison Challenger (ADPH Co-Lead for Addiction and DPH West Sussex) [welcomed](#) the recent [report](#) published by the [All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health](#) calling for all political parties to back a bold, fully funded strategy to make smoking obsolete within 20 years.

#### Poverty and Public Health: Taking local action conference | 16<sup>th</sup> May

We are holding a [joint conference](#) with the [Faculty of Public Health](#), [Royal Society of Medicine](#) and the [Royal Society for Public Health](#). There are limited in person places for ADPH members. If you would like to attend, please [contact us](#).

### ADPH in the news

April has been another busy month for ADPH:

- ADPH President, Greg Fell, commented in an [article](#) in [HSJ](#) on the need for more effective action by national and local government on prevention, as well as an [article](#) for [The MJ](#) on the need for the Government to make a long term commitment to public health funding.
- The latest episode of our video podcast, [Public Health Spotlight](#), is now available, which features Ruth Tennant, ADPH Board Member and DPH Solihull talking about her journey from public policy to public health.
- Sarah Muckle (ADPH Co-Lead for Children and Young People and DPH Essex) has commented in [Nursing Times](#) on tackling falling vaccination rates.
- Alice Wiseman (ADPH Vice President and DPH Newcastle and Gateshead) has commented in an [article](#) in the [BMJ](#) on health inequalities and what we can learn from local initiatives.

*Please note that some of these articles may be behind a paywall.*

### Quarterly update

The attached **report** gives a summary of our activity from January to March 2025, 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



### Sally Burns | Former DPH | West Northamptonshire

I have always been passionate about local government's role in improving health and wellbeing, the opportunities of working with elected members as community leaders and councils' responsibility to know their communities and work to improve the life chances of all residents. In 2015, this passion led me to the scary decision of a career change. I spent a year doing a Masters in Public Health at the [University of Manchester](#), writing up my portfolio and volunteering in the public health team at Hull City Council. Since then, I have served as DPH West Northamptonshire, and I am looking forward to starting my new role as DPH Birmingham at the beginning of May.

Read more from Sally in her blog which will be published on [our website](#) on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## News from around the UK

### Public Health Wales | Smoking profiles analysis | 7<sup>th</sup> April

A new [study](#) from [Public Health Wales](#) using machine-learning techniques aims to recognise key groups of people who need more support to stop smoking.

By using two national surveys collating information such as demographics, mental health, and lifestyle factors followed by a cluster analysis, groups of young people and adults were identified who may need additional assistance to quit smoking.

Insight provided by the results of the study can be used to understand the motivators for smoking, and to tailor messaging and strategies to best support smoking reduction and stopping smoking.

