



# The Association of Directors of Public Health

## eDPH May, 2025

### ADPH Activity

#### Membership news | May

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

**DsPH:** Heema Shukla (Interim DPH Dudley), Helen Buttivant (Joint Interim DPH Greenwich), Raj Lakshman (DPH Peterborough), Sally Burns (DPH Birmingham), Samantha Bennett (Joint Interim DPH Greenwich)

**Associates:** Christopher Jones (CPH Portsmouth), Jo Tonkin (Deputy DPH Birmingham), Patsy Temple (CPH Somerset)

**Alumni:** Ben Anderson and Stuart Lines

#### ADPH Welcomes new Board member

We are pleased to announce that Lucy Hubber, DPH Nottingham City has joined the [ADPH board](#) as Honorary Secretary with responsibility for Practice Improvement.

#### English Infants, Children and Young People Commissioners' Group (EICYPCG)

ADPH is setting up a new Commissioners' Group for commissioners with responsibility for infants, children and young people (ICYP) services in England. The [EICYPCG](#) will provide an important space for commissioners with responsibility for ICYP public health to meet, network and work together to improve health outcomes for ICYP in England.

If you know any commissioners with responsibility for ICYP who would like to join, please [let us know](#).

#### English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners' Group (EHSHCG) | Impact Report 2023/25 | 13<sup>th</sup> May

[EHSHCG](#) has launched its new [impact report](#) highlighting the important outcomes the group has produced over the past 18 months, including supporting the professional development of commissioners, and its influence on national policy.

#### ADPH Annual Review | 16<sup>th</sup> May

Greg Fell, ADPH President and Nicola Close MBE, ADPH Chief Executive introduce this year's look back at the impact ADPH has made in our [2024/25 Annual Review](#).

### ADPH in the news

May has been another busy month for ADPH:

- Sarah Muckle, ADPH Co-Lead for Children and Young People and DPH Essex, has written an [article](#) in [The MJ](#) about the progress made in the decade since the Healthy Child Programme moved to local government.
- The [BMJ](#) published a joint letter from ADPH, [FPH](#), and [RSPH](#) highlighting our calls for a public health approach to gambling harm.
- There has been widespread [coverage](#) of our support for the [Soil Association's](#) open [letter](#) to the

Government on ultra-processed food.

- Alice Wiseman, ADPH Vice President, and James Woolgar, Chair of the [EHSHCG](#), were quoted in [UK Times](#) and [Nursing Times](#) in response to the gonorrhoea vaccine roll-out.
- ADPH [response](#) to the delay to the ban on unhealthy food and drink advertising was covered in [LocalGov](#).

## Meet our Members



**Peter Bradley | Director of Public Health/Chief Medical Officer| Jersey**

It is easy to become professionally isolated in a Crown Dependency role. Being part of The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) keeps me in contact with colleagues and gives me access to high quality resources and expertise.

Our jobs can be tough, and it's too easy to remember the things that did not go so well, but we can change people's lives for the better. In the end, public health is about helping people – and we should be proud of what we contribute whatever role we have.

Read more from Peter in his blog which will be published on [our website](#) on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## News from around the UK

### Public Health Wales | Problematic social media use | 9<sup>th</sup> May

New [findings](#) from [Public Health Wales](#), working in partnership with [The School Health Research Network \(SHRN\) at Cardiff University](#) show that secondary school aged girls have much higher rates of self-reported problematic use of social media than boys.

These data come from the [2023 SHRN Student Health and Well-Being Secondary School survey](#). The survey asked young people aged between 11 and 16 whether they have tried to limit their own use of social media, whether they have neglected other activities in order to prioritise social media, or whether it has caused conflict with family or friends. As well as the difference between genders, there was also a gap between families in differing economic situations.

