



The Association of Directors of Public Health

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ADPH Activity

Membership news | June

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

DsPH: Andrew Taylor (Interim DPH Bradford), Jennifer Davies (DPH NHS Highland), Rachel Wigglesworth (Interim DPH Surrey), Rajalakshmi Lakshman (Acting DPH Peterborough), Ruth Hutchinson (DPH Croydon), Suzanne Meredith (Acting DPH Norfolk)

Associates: Anita Jolly (CPH Stoke-on-Trent), Bimpe Oki (CPH Lambeth), Laura MacLehose (CPH Kingston), Matthew Hibbert (CPH Somerset)

Alumni: Tim Allison

ADPH gives evidence in Module 7 of the Covid-19 Public Inquiry | 28th May

Greg Fell (ADPH President and DPH Sheffield) [gave evidence](#) at the [Covid-19 Public Inquiry](#) for [Module 7](#), Test, Trace and Isolate.

Healthy Places Project: Planning and Public Health Masterclass | 25th June

We have published a [summary](#) of our recent Planning and Public Health Masterclass, as part of our [Healthy Places Project](#) funded by [The Health Foundation](#).

ADPH in the news

June has been another busy month for ADPH:

- Sarah Muckle (ADPH Co-Lead for Children and Young People and DPH Essex) [responded](#) to the Government's [announcement](#) of an expansion in access to free school meals.
- Gillian McLauchlan (ADPH Co-Lead for Health Protection and DPH Salford) [responded](#) to the [sexually transmitted infections annual report](#) released by [UKHSA](#).
- We [supported World Cancer Research Fund's Cancer Prevention Action Week](#), highlighting the link between alcohol consumption and cancer.
- We shared our [response](#) to [BiteBack](#)'s coverage of the decision by outdoor advertising companies JCDecaux and Global to ban their award winning #CommercialBreak campaign.
- Greg Fell (ADPH President and DPH Sheffield) explained why Public Mental Health is one of our new priorities in his [monthly blog](#).

Meet our Members

Shannon Katiyo | Director of Public Health | Richmond and Wandsworth



Since 2020, I've had the privilege of serving as Director of Public Health (DPH) across the two vibrant and contrasting London Boroughs of Richmond and Wandsworth. My journey into public health was driven by a desire to influence the broader determinants of health and lead systems that improve outcomes at a population level. It's a career that has delivered on that promise. No two days are ever the same, and the breadth of issues we tackle continues to evolve.

My interest in public health began with a degree in applied biology and biochemistry. While this gave me a solid foundation in physical health, I soon realised I wanted to move beyond the lab; to communicate, collaborate, and work with communities. During the HIV/AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa, I worked with a global development agency, supporting health improvement and protection. That experience inspired me to pursue a Masters in Public Health and later, the [Faculty of Public Health](#) Part A exam, which led me into specialty training.

One of my proudest achievements has been leading a dedicated team to embed a Health in All Policies approach across two Councils. Our Prevention Framework systematically addresses prevention and health inequalities in [Richmond](#) and [Wandsworth](#), ensuring that public health is a shared responsibility across the system.

Read more from Shannon in our [Member's Blog](#), which will be published on Tuesday 1st July.

News from around the UK

Northern Ireland | The daily phone calls tackling loneliness | 13th June



Following Loneliness Awareness Week earlier this month (9th - 15th June), the [Public Health Agency](#) (PHA) highlighted the work of [Good Morning Antrim](#), a community-based telephone befriending service funded by PHA. This service helps to address the loneliness and isolation experienced by older people with daily phone calls and support, as well as offering an alert system for recipients of the service. PHA and other organisations also fund similar [Good Morning Services](#) across other areas of Northern Ireland.