



The Association of Directors of Public Health

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ADPH Activity

Membership news | July

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

DsPH: Andrew Taylor (Interim DPH Bradford), Frances Howie (DPH Sandwell), Shantini Paranjothy (Interim DPH NHS Grampian), Shirley Goodhew (Acting DPH St Helens), Susan Webb (DPH NHS Lothian).

Associates: Helen Raison (CPH Merton), Helene Denness (Deputy DPH North Northamptonshire), Kamal Patel (CPH Plymouth), Katrina McClarty (CPH Croydon), Louis Hall (CPH Surrey), Rachel Handley (CPH Somerset), Ryan Swiers (Deputy DPH Sunderland), Teresa Cullip (Plymouth).

Alumni: Diarmuid O'Donovan, Ruth du Plessis.

Welcome to our new Council members

A warm welcome to our new [ADPH Council](#) members: Ellie Houlston (East Midlands), Nadia Inglis (West Midlands) and Sohail Bhatti (Scotland).

ADPH analysis of 10 Year Health Plan | 4th July

Following the announcement of the Government's [10 Year Health Plan](#), we released an initial public [response](#) and produced a [preliminary analysis](#) providing an overview of each chapter, focusing on changes relevant to DsPH.

ADPH welcomes 'Good Food Cycle' | 16th July

Greg Fell (ADPH President and DPH Sheffield) [welcomed](#) the '[Good Food Cycle](#)', a UK Government food strategy launched as part of its [Plan for Change](#).

ADPH responds to Men's Health Strategy | 17th July

We submitted a [response](#) to the [Men's Health Strategy consultation](#) which recommends addressing systemic inequality and introducing measures to support the development of an environment where healthy behaviours are the easiest choice.

ADPH responds to recent measles outbreak | 18th July

Prof. Matthew Ashton (ADPH Board Member and DPH Liverpool) [discussed](#) the underlying issues behind the headlines regarding the rise in measles cases.

Practice Improvement explainer | 25th July

We published our [Practice Improvement Narrative](#), which aims to build a shared understanding and establish common expectations of improvement in public health practice. It includes definitions, principles, and practical examples.

ADPH in the news

July has been another busy month for ADPH:

- The first episode of season 2 of our video podcast, [Public Health Spotlight](#), was released, featuring Helen Gollins, DPH Trafford.
- Prof. Matt Ashton (ADPH Board Member and DPH Liverpool) gave a series of interviews following the recent rise in measles cases, including with [Radio 4](#), [Sky News](#), [BBC News](#) and [ITV Granada](#).
- Alice Wiseman (ADPH Vice President and DPH Newcastle and Gateshead) has written an [article](#) for [Future Health Care Journal](#) on countering industry promotion of harmful products to protect health.
- We also published a [press release](#) during [Alcohol Awareness Week](#) highlighting the issues around alcohol and work.

Also this month, our President and DPH Sheffield, Greg Fell, has:

- Commented in an [article](#) in [LGC](#) on ICB reform and local government.
- Written an [article](#) in [LGC](#) on the junk food advertising ban delay.
- Written an article on planning for prevention in a recent [Solace report](#).

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

Quarterly update

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



Dominique Le Touze | Assistant DPH | Portsmouth City Council

I have benefited from some great mentors throughout my career. Undertaking the excellent Aspiring Directors Course (now [Aspiring Public Health Leaders](#)) supported me to develop as a systems thinker and meet some wonderful colleagues, now friends, who supported me through the pandemic and beyond! Helen Atkinson, my Director of Public Health in Portsmouth has also been an incredible mentor, demonstrating compassionate leadership daily.

Working in local government has helped me to stay close to the action, but with the levers to make visible and lasting local change, setting up the first school [Superzone](#) outside London, piloting an opt-out system for free school meal allocation and [adapting care homes and schools](#) to mitigate the health impacts of climate change.

Read more from Dominique in her blog which will be published on [our website](#) on Friday 1st August.

News from around the UK

Wales | Healthcare public health framework | 17th July

[Public Health Wales](#) has coproduced a [healthcare public health framework](#) to support the NHS in Wales in becoming a preventive, equitable, sustainable, and learning healthcare system.



The framework seeks to provide both a whole system vision as well as practical guidance through principles and [tools](#) for integrating public health principles into healthcare planning and delivery. It also features worked examples on cardiovascular disease and fall prevention, addressing inequalities in waiting lists and prevention of fragility fractures.