



The Association of Directors of Public Health

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Recognition for ADPH in King's Honours

We were delighted to see that both our Chief Executive, Nicola Close, and former President, Jeanelle de Gruchy, were recognised in this year's [King's Birthday Honours List](#). Nicola was awarded an MBE and Jeanelle an OBE for their service to public health while leading ADPH. Read our current President Greg Fell's [response](#) to the news.

ADPH Activity

Membership news

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

ADPH Council: Mererid Bowley (DPH Powys Teaching Health Board) has become our new representative for Wales.

DsPH: Andrea Fallon (Acting DPH Croydon), Cate Carmichael (Interim DPH Herefordshire), Colum Durkan (DPH NHS Western Isles), Mike Robinson (Interim DPH Peterborough), and Sharon Stoltz (Interim DPH Thurrock).

Associates: Alice Munro (CPH Somerset), Andrea Clement (Assistant DPH Thurrock), Sara Godward (Assistant DPH Thurrock), and Helen Asquith (CPH South Gloucestershire).

ADPH Business Plan 2024-27 | Year one

We have now published our new [Business Plan](#), which along with details of our strategic aims and three-year objectives, outlines the key results for this coming year.

North East Water Fluoridation Expansion Consultation

Earlier this month, we submitted our response to the [NE Water Fluoridation Consultation](#), which closes on 31st July.

Commercial determinants of health position statements

[ADPH North East](#) and the [Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Network](#) have both published position statements on the commercial determinants of health outlining the public health approach they are taking in the region to counter commercial tactics which have a negative impact on our health. Find out more about our [project on CDOH](#).

ADPH/Panoramic Associates | Public Health Spotlight Series

Our joint video podcast series, being made with [Panoramic Associates](#), which interviews DsPH from across the UK and dependant territories about their careers, is due to be posted online in the coming days. Links will be shared on [WeDPH](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#) as soon as it goes live!

ICYP Workshop | How to talk about adversity, trauma and resilience (ATR) | 25th June

There is still time to register for [our workshop](#) tomorrow where we will be exploring how we frame adversity, trauma and resilience when talking about, and working with, infants, children and young people.

[Contact us](#) to register.

CDOH webinar | Request for elected members as speakers | 27th September

As part of the first webinar in our upcoming series on CDOH, we would like to invite elected members from across the political spectrum to share their experiences of CDOH, what convinced them of its importance and how these conversations can be facilitated. If you have worked with or know a member of your LA that may be willing to speak at our webinar, please [contact us](#).

Summary of UK political party manifestos

We have prepared a [summary](#) of the public health manifesto commitments of all the major UK political parties ahead of the General Election. Please [contact us](#) with any comments or questions.

ADPH in the news

This month has been another busy one for ADPH in the media:

- We were quoted in the [Sunday Times](#) in an article about cuts to NHS England's vaccination and screening budget.
- We published the first in our new monthly member blog series, which this month featured Dona Milne, DPH for NHS Lothian.
- Our response to the [latest STI figures](#), issued jointly with the [English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners' Group](#), was covered by the [Daily Mail](#).
- Greg Fell wrote an [article in the MJ](#) about the impact poverty is having on health in the UK.
- Last week there was widespread coverage of our Chief Executive and former President's honours, including in the Times, [Third Sector](#) and various [regional publications](#).

Meet our Members



Anjan Ghosh | Director of Public Health | Kent County Council

Ever since I became a DPH in 2017, not a day goes by when I do not feel privileged about the position I hold, currently as DPH for Kent. It isn't easy being a DPH but feeling that I can make a real difference to the lives of residents in Kent is what gets me out of bed each day. It is what keeps me up at night as well – seeing just how difficult people's lives have become following the pandemic, its long tail of consequences, the cost of living crisis and the impacts of inflation over the last 18 months.

I lived most of my formative years and young adulthood in India. Training as a doctor there, I witnessed poverty and inequalities on a scale and extent inconceivable in the UK. This lit a fire in my being around social justice, fairness and equality. I came to the UK to train as a surgeon. Whilst

preparing for that, I worked on young people’s sexual health in the Public Health Team of the erstwhile NHS Redbridge and Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust. This opened my eyes to the incredible public health system that exists in the UK, and I decided to switch my ambitions to becoming a Public Health Consultant. I had found my calling, and it was in Public Health...

You can read more from Anjan in our monthly guest blog which will be available on our [website](#) from Monday.

News from around the UK

Solihull Council | Orange Button Community Scheme

Last year, as part of the [Solihull Zero Suicide Pledge](#), [Solihull Council](#) launched the [Orange Button Community Scheme](#).

Originally developed in [Lancashire and South Cumbria](#), the scheme aims to create a community of people who have undertaken specialist suicide prevention training. People who complete the training become an Orange Button badge holder. Wearing the button indicates to people who are having suicidal thoughts, or know someone who is, that the wearer is comfortable to hear and say the word suicide, will listen without judgement, and can signpost people in need to support. The scheme also aims to tackle stigma - a crucial component to preventing suicide.

In its first six months, the scheme recruited more than 250 people. Anyone can [sign up](#) to the training, which is provided by [Every Life Matters](#).

