

Our Vision: To increase the standard, range and availability of public health training in the West Midlands, in order to improve the health of the region's population.



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Latest News:

We've been working hard on refreshing the Association for Directors of Public Health WM priorities and agreeing the direction for Learning for Public Health WM for the next two years.

We are currently planning a programme of activities for this year – more details to follow once sessions are confirmed.

A recap on some of the sessions we have delivered over the last 12 months:

Complex Evaluations workshop – 15th November 2019, The MAC, Birmingham

This was an interdisciplinary workshop run by LfPHWM and PHE WM. Complex Evaluation was identified as a key training need from the training needs analysis survey. The session focused on taking the logic models to the next level. Other presentations included Complex Adaptive systems, evaluating outcomes of Birmingham's Changing Futures programme and a view from a councillor.



Basics in Public Health – 27th November 2019, Council Chamber, Solihull MBC

The purpose of the workshop was to provide a broad overview of Public Health. Our coordinator Jo Dodd has been visiting all the PH teams across the region. During her visit to Solihull it was identified as a need for the team, so we

hosted the session in Solihull and opened the invitation out wider. The workshop covered Public Health topic areas such as health protection, workforce development, and wider determinants of health, data and MECC. Due to the popularity of the session we will hopefully be delivering more in the future.

We also supported PHE WM with some workshops:

- **NCMP workshop** – 21st November 2019
- **Specialist Registration by Portfolio Assessment route UKPHR Information Session** - 10th April 2019



Association for Directors of Public Health West Midlands (ADPH WM)

Learning for Public Health continues to support the ADPH WM network. The Directors meet bimonthly.

The ADPH WM have agreed their priorities for 2019/2020 as:

- Air Quality
- Population Health Management
- Mental Health
- Inclusive Growth

You can find out about what work is being done on the [website](#).

SAVE THE DATE:

Public Health Excellence Conference Date: 28th November 2019

The theme for next year's conference will be around prevention and health inequalities. Some plenary speakers including John Middleton will inspire us during the morning.

The afternoon sessions will focus on the new ADPH WM priorities. First part a policy update on each area and followed by best practice examples.

Keep an eye open on the bulletins and website for registration details.

Learning for Public Health Website



- This has sections for the regional networks we support, resources, useful links page.
- More recently we have added information on the website regarding PHE placements.
- Links to Local public health work
- All presentations from our past events are available here - <https://www.lfphwm.org.uk/past-events>

Items of Interest bulletins

Partners share information on a regular basis with us to share with our wider network.

Information can include: national and local public health updates, up and coming events, vacancies, training opportunities.

If you wish to be included on the email distribution list and receive our weekly items of interest bulletins then please contact us - administrator@lfphwm.org.uk

We are always interested in your feedback so please get in touch if you have anything you wish to share with us

Networks

LfPHWM supports four regional networks. The aim is to support the wider Public Health workforce to enable interprofessional learning, sharing of local practice and promoting innovation.

West Midlands Alcohol Licencing Licensing Network

This network is chaired by John Denley (DPH Wolverhampton City Council)

Key areas looked at include:

- Statements of licensing policy
- Analytical support package
- Regional Shisha workshop
- Gambling

The next quarterly network is meeting **19th July 2019**

West Midlands Health and Planning Group Network

The network is chaired by Deborah Harkins (DPH Dudley MBC)

Key areas of discussion are:

- Inclusive growth
- Developer Toolkit for planners
- Housing and health
- Transport (improving active travel)

The next quarterly network meeting is **27th September 2019**.

Best start in Life Network

The network is chaired by Liz Noakes (DPH Telford & Wrekin)

Key work is:

- Mental Health
- 0-19 years transformation including maternity
- Work with schools on both the healthier happier agenda

The next quarterly network meeting is **4th July 2019**

Consultant Network

Justin Varney is the new DPH sponsor for this network. We are currently in the process of trying to assemble a planning group. Hopefully we will be circulating some new network meeting dates very soon.

See our website for info:

www.lfphwm.org.uk/our-networks

Sector Led Improvement (SLI)

Liz Gaulton (DPH Coventry City Council) is the DPH lead for the SLI programme for the West Midlands. A plan for 2019/2020 has been finalised and LfPHWM will be supporting Liz in implementing this work. In 2018 we have delivered the following peer challenges:

- Tobacco Control – 24th April 2018
- Air Quality – 30th November 2018

Since the last newsletter Jo Dodd, is now on maternity leave. Congratulations Jo on the birth of your baby girl!