

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



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## West Midlands Public Health Excellence Conference 2019

Our annual conference was delivered in partnership with the Association of Directors of Public Health West Midlands, Faculty of Public Health and Public Health England West Midlands.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's conference. The theme was around strengthening alliances for prevention. In the afternoon we launched the ADPH West Midlands new regional priorities. We ran 4 workshops focusing on each priority area which were facilitated by the lead Director of Public Health and PHE WM sponsor. A big thank you to everyone who supported the conference especially Public Health England WM who were integral to all the afternoon workshops. Overall, we had a great turn out and feedback so far has been very positive.



Clare Wightman



Karen Creavin & Michelle Howard



David Laughton



[Click here to view presentations from the day](#)



Panel discussion (L to R) Dr Kate Warren, Dr Tim Horsburgh, Dr John Middleton and John Denley (ADPH WM Chair)

## Latest News:

-A new ADPH WM Policy and Strategy lead has been appointed. We welcome Sandra Squires who will be supporting the ADPH WM network in driving their regional priorities and supporting them with any additional collaborative work. With an Academic background in Social Anthropology, Sandra Squires is approaching her twentieth year of working in Public Health, having specialised in Public Health Intelligence- evidence and 0-19 agenda in Wolverhampton.



-In partnership with Public Health England WM we delivered the **Understanding and implementing a public health approach to violence prevention workshop on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. This event was held as a response to the need identified in the West Midlands System Wide Public Health Training Needs Analysis. A total of 48 delegates were in attendance from across the West Midlands. Delegates were from various organisations including Local Authority, Public Health England, Probation Services, West Midlands and West Mercia Police and Youth Services. You can access the presentations via the link - [https://www.lfphwm.org.uk/library/library/cat\\_view/2-library/94-understanding-violence-prevention](https://www.lfphwm.org.uk/library/library/cat_view/2-library/94-understanding-violence-prevention)

### Website

We are regularly uploading new resources to our library page of the website. Check out our new topic categories - <https://www.lfphwm.org.uk/library/library>

## Networks:

LfPHWM supports five 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 – Director of Public Health, Wolverhampton City Council.

Key areas looked at include:

- Community involvement
- Shisha workshop
- Gambling and licensing

The next quarterly network meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### West Midlands Health and Planning Group Network

The network is chaired by Deborah Harkins – Director of Public Health, Dudley MBC.

This network will be a deliverable of the ADPH WM priority Inclusive Growth

The next quarterly network meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Best start in Life Network

The network is chaired by Liz Noakes – Director of Public Health, Telford & Wrekin Council.

Key areas looked at include.

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

### Consultant Network

The network is chaired by Justin Varney – Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council.

The next quarterly network meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### West Midlands ADPH network

Our network coordinator, Jo Dodd, is currently supporting the Association of Directors of Public Health network.

The network aims to provide a voice for local government Public Health in the West Midlands by influencing public health legislation and policy at local, regional and national level and will facilitate the sharing of ideas, best practice and problem solving in Public Health across the WM local government.

<https://www.lfphwm.org.uk/our-networks>



# Merry Christmas

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