



To Directors of Public Health

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Dear colleagues,

National Network for Local Authority Healthy Weight Commissioners

The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) is currently setting up a national forum for local authority commissioners for healthy weight in England, as discussed at our AGM.

Whilst there are strong regional support networks across England, the purpose of this new forum is to provide a strategic national space in which to bring together local authority leads with commissioning responsibility for services, interventions and programmes relating to weight status and its determinants, and enable a representative commissioner voice.

This development is an opportunity to add structure and support around the healthy weight agenda in England. It will provide a dedicated space to address the issues and concerns of those commissioning healthy weight related services and interventions, as well as provide an opportunity to share ideas and experiences, and facilitate peer-to-peer support.

Once established, with support from ADPH, the group will also seek to establish a dedicated Quality Improvement programme aimed at monitoring, evaluating and demonstrating continuous improvement in healthy weight commissioning practice in England.

To support us in setting this forum, we would greatly appreciate if you could share this information with your local healthy weight leads. Those who are interested in joining this emerging forum should contact commissioners@adph.org.uk for further information.

Yours sincerely,

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