



# CIEH Public Health Protection Conference

Half-day conference: Thursday 11 June 2026

## 09.15 **Registration and online login**

## 09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Rachel Flowers, London South Bank University, former Director of Public Health, committee member of the Future of the Health Protection System Committee, Registered Public Health Specialist, Chartered Environmental Health Officer

## 09.35 **Keynote: The Meningitis outbreak - where we are and what are the implications for environmental health?**

Speakers:

- Kate McPhedran, Principal Health Protection Practitioner, UKHSA South East Public Health Protection Team
- Wendy Osmond, Environmental Health Practitioner, Canterbury City Council

## 10:25 **From notification to control: managing disease outbreaks in environmental health**

- Discussing the key public health threats currently on the national radar, what recent outbreaks and incidents have taught us, where local authorities and EHOs are most likely to see pressures first, how national agencies see the role of EH evolving and practical intelligence and foresight that delegates can take back to their teams. This will also cover the evolving role of environmental health within the wider public health system, including the importance of collaboration between national agencies, public health teams and local authorities

Panellists:

- Professor Dominic Mellon, Deputy Director for Health Protection in Regions, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)
- Dr Megan Corder, Consultant in Public Health, NHS England National Public Health Team

## 11:00 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

## 11:30 **The LGA's public health improvement programme – the environmental health aspects for local authorities**

- Discussing an overview of the LGA Public Health Improvement Programme, what it is and what this means for councils and our environmental health audiences

Speakers:

- Kay Burkett, Programme Lead – Public Health, Local Government Association (LGA)
- Julia Weldon, Julia Weldon Executive Leadership Ltd

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12:15 **Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) – what is the role of environmental health?**

- Greater understanding of GLP-1 medications and the growing use of drugs such as semaglutide and tirzepatide in weight management. Explores the wider public health implications of increasing demand for medical weight-loss treatments, including impacts on population health and inequalities. What is the role of environmental health?

Speakers:

- Natalie Badoo, Medicines Assessor, Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
- Sterling Crew, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Food Authenticity Network & Trustee of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

12:45 **Case study: smoking cessation in recovery services – reducing health inequalities**

- Overview of the local authority-led case study embedding smoking cessation support within drug and alcohol recovery services to address entrenched health inequalities and exploration of how targeted interventions can reach high-risk and underserved populations, improving long-term health outcomes. Looking at opportunities for Environmental Health Officers to support and influence local tobacco control strategies through inspection, enforcement, and partnership working

Speakers:

- Femi Varudi, Senior Public Health Improvement Officer, Peterborough City Council
- Alison Guscott, Senior Smoke-Free Advisor, Change Grow Live

13.25 **Closing remarks**

13.30 **End of conference**

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