

PHE Regions

Public Health England has four regions, London, North of England, South of England and Midlands and East of England. The London regional team is both an integrated region and centre with the roles combined.

Regions take a strategic view of the wider public health system, with partners including leaders in NHS England, and Health Education England. In particular, the regions maintain close links with NHS England regional teams as their public health advisers and ensure a joined up approach specifically on Section 7a and Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs). Regional teams guide and support the local public health system and also help train and develop the people who work in public health.

The role of PHE region is to:

- manage strategic discussions with key partners
- act as the PH adviser to NHS England
- give professional support and leadership to the public health system, clinical and medical supervision, and professional guidance and leadership
- quality improvement and assurance of centres
- ensure that the region has robust emergency planning, resilience and response arrangements.

PHE Centres

There are 8 centres outside London, along with an integrated region and centre in London. Each local centre director is a partner in the local public health system. As the local frontline for PHE the centres ensure localities are supported to deliver their health and wellbeing strategies to ensure better health outcomes for their local populations.

The role of PHE centre is to:

- contribute to system leadership at the local level with Association of Directors of Public Health (ADsPH) and others, for public health across local geographies and systems, including NHS planning and devolution
- provide health protection services; expertise, response and advice to the local NHS, local authorities and other partners
- provide local PHE emergency planning, resilience and response across the << name of Centre>>
- support local systems (in particular local government and the NHS) to access PHE national and local evidence, tools, services and expertise to promote and protect health and wellbeing
- work with the ADsPH to support sector led improvement approaches to improve health and wellbeing
- provide a high quality, locally responsive PHE expert knowledge and intelligence function
- assure the process for appointment of Directors of Public Health (DsPH)
- advise and support local authorities and DsPH on the appointment of public health specialists and the development of the public health workforce
- provide local advice as requested and required on best value from the public health ring fenced grant
- review compliance with local authority public health grant conditions including mandated and non-mandated services
- provide public health advice to NHS England and in particular system leadership for section 7a services which includes screening and immunisation

In addition PHE London acts as statutory adviser to the Mayor of London, supporting his health manifesto and the reduction of health inequalities in the capital.

Centres are supported by PHE colleagues in:

- specialist microbiology services, which provide laboratory analysis facilities
- field epidemiology teams
- knowledge and intelligence teams, who provide specialist surveillance and intelligence for localities