



Public Health
England

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Protecting and improving the nation's health

PHE's regional teams

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Regional directors



Professor Paul Johnstone
(North of England)

**North region
centre directors**

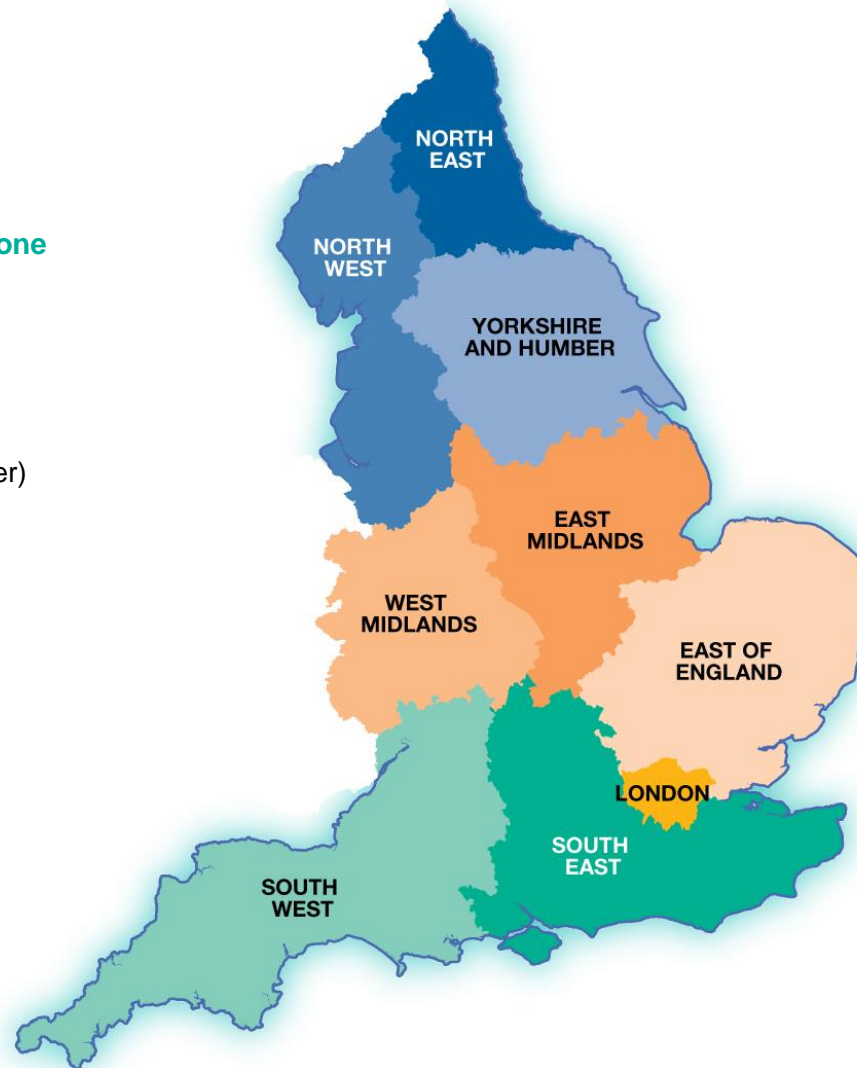
Mel Sirotkin (North West)
Martyn Regan
(Yorkshire and the Humber)
Peter Kelly (North East)



Dr Jenny Harries
(South of England)

**South region
centre directors**

Debra Laphorne
(South West)
Diana Grice
(South East)



Dr Rashmi Shukla
(Midlands &
East of England)

**Midlands and East
centre directors**

Meng Khaw
Sue Ibbotson
Aliko Ahmed



Professor Yvonne Doyle
(London)
Integrated region
and centre

The original regional role before *Securing our Future*

April 2013:

- 14 centres in 3 regions outside London
- centres created from a number of different 'sender' organisations, and as part of a new local public health system architecture
- regional directors led PHE's strategic relationship with local authorities and supporting them in their new public health roles
- significant workforce development role, including jointly appointing directors of public health on behalf of Secretary of State
- direct responsibility for local PHE emergency preparedness and response resources
- very limited working with NHS, other than for screening and immunisation via centre-based teams



The new regional role

April 2015:

- 8 centres in 3 regions outside London
- a streamlined regional function with:
 - significant role working with the NHS (NHS England, NHS Improvement and Health Education England)
 - retained role for emergency planning and response oversight with co-ordination of mutual aid, linking with NHS England and Department of Communities & Local Government
 - strengthened focus in quality improvement and assurance of centres
 - retained role in professional matters, such as revalidation appraisals for consultants
- each regional team outside London reduced by two-thirds to 9 posts, with 5 posts in London
- regional directors bring additional capacity to the '***national to local***' and '***local to national***' interface



Key aspects of the regional role

Regional directors and teams:

- provide a senior and strategic link the **‘national to local’** and **‘local to national’** role
- have a **close relationship with NHS**, especially for the sustainability and transformation plan work – **the regional footprint** is the only one that is common across the health sector
- are the **public health advisers to the NHS England regional team** which is their key operational management level
- provide **formal oversight of centres**
- Support the Centre Director with a small number of **very difficult local issues** to an identified very senior public health professional with a region wide perspective
- provide **co-ordination between centres** – this is over and above the ‘peer-to-peer’ support between centres



PHE core functions and network lead roles

Protecting the public's health from infectious diseases and other hazards to health	Centre Director Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meng Khaw• Diana Grice Regional Director Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rashmi Shukla
Improving the public's health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities	Centre Director Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aliko Ahmed• Mel Sirotkin Regional Director Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yvonne Doyle
Improving population health through sustainable health and care services	Centre Director Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sue Ibbotson• Debra Laphorne Regional Director Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jenny Harries
Building the capability and capacity of the public health system	Centre Director Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roberta Marshall• Martyn Regan Regional Director Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Johnstone

Summary of regional functions

- overall **quality assurance** and co-ordination of PHE functions
- act as **public health advisers to NHS England** and lead PHE's work on the sustainability and transformation plans within the *Five Year Forward View*
- nationally lead key strategic work about the **local public health system** – for example on devolution and business rate retention
- manage **the professional appraisal system for public health specialists and support revalidation** of public health doctors
- lead work with **other government departments**
- provide emergency planning and response **system assurance** in the regions
- **global health** – regional directors have sponsorship responsibilities for another part of the world where PHE is active, as part of ***One PHE, One HMG***



Examples

Paul

- Co-chair Corporate Programme 9
Placed-Based Programme Board
- *Due North* – Health’s response to the Northern Powerhouse
- Sierra Leone

Rashmi

- Co-chair Corporate Programme 7
Prevention at Scale Programme Board
- Rural health
- *Securing our Future* centres and regions

Some examples of regional and national work

Yvonne

- **Statutory health adviser** to Mayor of London
- Co-Chair Corporate Programme 9
Placed-Based Programme Board
- Chair of Healthy London Partnership Prevention Board

Jenny

- Co-Chair Corporate Programme 7
Prevention at Scale Programme Board
- High consequence infectious diseases
- Chair of South region Five Year Forward View Prevention Board