



# 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 the implications for environmental health**

Speakers:

- Representative from the UKHSA South East Public Health Protection Team
- Wendy Osmond, Environmental Health Practitioner, Canterbury City Council

10:05 **Panel discussion: 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

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

11:15 **How can local authorities give advice to ICBs on healthcare public health? – latest guidance**

- Overview of the latest guidance on how local authorities can engage with and influence decision-making within integrated care systems, the role of environmental health teams in providing evidence, and how EHOs and local authority public health teams can inform system planning and prevention strategies, ensuring environmental health risks are recognised within wider health system priorities

11:40 **Panel discussion: Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) – what is the role of environmental health?**

- The session provides a greater understanding of GLP-1 medications and the growing use of drugs such as semaglutide and tirzepatide in weight management. It will explore 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? What are the practical insights for EHOs and local authority teams on monitoring emerging public health trends and responding to associated risks within communities?

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12:35 **Research focus: Data that could help identify respiratory disease trends in England**

- Providing focus on how national surveillance data is used to identify trends in respiratory diseases across England and the potential for local authorities and environmental health teams to use data to identify environmental health risks affecting respiratory health within communities, and how improved access to health and data can support targeted interventions, prevention strategies and local public health decision-making

13:00 **Case study: smoking cessation in recovering 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

Speaker: Femi Varudi, Senior Public Health Improvement Officer, Peterborough City Council

13.40 **Closing remarks**

13.45 **End of conference**

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