

# Public health: a new direction?

## A free breakfast event with Public Health Minister, Anne Milton MP

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### In brief

Public health is a key priority for the coalition. Its programme for government highlights the need for an ambitious strategy that encourages behaviour change to help people live healthier lives, gives local communities more control over public health budgets and provides GPs with stronger incentives to tackle public health problems.

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health, Anne Milton MP, joined us to discuss the implications of the reforms for public health. She also outlined the government's vision for a 'public health service', and set the scene for a public health white paper due to be published later this year.

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## Programme

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### Anne Milton MP

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Anne Milton MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Department of Health), lays out the government's future plans for public health.

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### Lindsey Davies

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Lindsey Davies, President of the Faculty of Public Health, discusses what is needed to improve the state of public health in England.

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### Anna Dixon

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Anna Dixon, Head of Policy, talks about public health in relation to the NHS White Paper.

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### Panel debate

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Anne Milton MP, Lindsey Davies, Anna Dixon and Julian Le Grand took part in a panel debate on public health, with questions posed from the audience.

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## Speakers

- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health, Anne Milton MP
- Dr Anna Dixon, Director of Policy, The King's Fund
- Lindsey Davies, President of the Faculty of Public Health
- Professor Julian Le Grand (chair), Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and a trustee of The King's Fund