



# International networks: The Association of Public Health Observatories

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# What are we?

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- ❖ APHO: *The Association of Public Health Observatories is a network linking Public Health Observatories in the UK and Ireland*
- ❖ *9 Regional Observatories in England*
- ❖ *Wales, Scotland and Ireland*



# What do we do?

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- ❖ *Public Health Surveillance, monitoring and analysis*
- ❖ *In depth analysis of specific issues*
  - Child Health*
  - Sexual Health*
- ❖ *Local resources with international links*



# Why we network?

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- ❖ *Health, and the understanding of Health is a huge area, can we properly investigate it with limited resources?*
- ❖ *Different sides of the same coin....no two public health professionals have the same world view*
- ❖ *Some seriously brainy people, we can tap into some of the most cutting edge experts in public health*



# How we network?

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- ❖ *Email.....though it can be more of a curse than a blessing*
- ❖ *Interoperability.....web technologies to share resources*
- ❖ *Meetings.....governance groups, technical methodological groups, groups around interest*
- ❖ *Flexible approaches to flexible situations*



# What we get...harvesting the benefits

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- ❖ *We get to box above our weight division: we have comparative small resources, but together we make a better impact*
- ❖ *Knowledge and intelligence: If something is occurring in one place, it will emerge in another soon enough*
- ❖ *Backup, transfers on the internal market*



# Want to know more?

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❖ *In Ireland: Speak to the Inispho*

❖ [www.apho.org.uk](http://www.apho.org.uk)

❖ [www.lho.org.uk](http://www.lho.org.uk)

❖ [www.sepho.org.uk](http://www.sepho.org.uk)

❖ [www.erpho.org.uk](http://www.erpho.org.uk)

❖ [www.swpho.org.uk](http://www.swpho.org.uk)

❖ [www.empho.org.uk](http://www.empho.org.uk)

❖ [www.wmpho.org.uk](http://www.wmpho.org.uk)

[www.scotpho.org.uk](http://www.scotpho.org.uk)

[www.wch.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.wch.wales.nhs.uk)

[www.yhpho.org.uk](http://www.yhpho.org.uk)

[www.nwpho.org.uk](http://www.nwpho.org.uk)

[www.nepho.org.uk](http://www.nepho.org.uk)

[www.inispho.ie](http://www.inispho.ie)