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NIHR Public Interest Group call for a revamp of the UK's public health function

Professor Stephen Peckham, Director of NIHR Applied Research Collaboration, Kent, Surrey and Sussex and a group of other leading senior investigators from the [NIHR Senior Investigators Public Health Interest Group](#), are calling on Government to rethink how public health is organised in the UK.

Following the current Covid-19 pandemic, the group want to see a truly integrated public health function that will provide leadership and expertise nationally, regionally and locally within the NHS, local authorities, and local and national government.

In their joint [BMJ blog](#), the leading senior investigators reflect on what direction public health should be taking in the UK. They want to see the NHS move away from being simply an 'illness provider' and a 'security net' with more of a 'partnership approach' to public health and urge current politicians to learn from the past.