

## UKCRC Public Health Research Centres of Excellence – Director Biographies

### Professor Nick Wareham, CEDAR



Nick Wareham is Director of the MRC Epidemiology Unit and co-Director of the Institute of Metabolic Science at the University of Cambridge in which he leads a programme on the aetiology of diabetes and related metabolic disorders. He is also Director of the UKCRC Centre for Diet and Activity Research (CEDAR) and the lead for the Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre theme in Diet, Nutrition and Lifestyle. He is an Honorary Consultant with Addenbrooke's Hospital and Public Health England.

### Frank Kee, CoENI



Frank Kee directs the UKCRC Centre of Excellence for Public Health Research (Northern Ireland) and is Deputy Director for the Centre for Public Health at Queen's University Belfast. The Centre of Excellence is multidisciplinary and spans three Faculties in the University and a range of external stakeholders. Its research scope embraces determinants of public health from molecules to populations, as well as public health interventions. It was set up deliberately with an outward looking vision to connect academics to the practitioner and policy making communities. Its partners, represented in the Management Executive and Board, include the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Northern Ireland (DHSSPSNI), the Public Health Agency, the Institute of Public Health in Ireland, University of Ulster, W5 Interactive Discovery Centre in Belfast, and the Community Development and Health Network. Frank's research interests include cardiovascular and genetic epidemiology, decision sciences, public health interventions, complexity and network analysis.

### Professor Simon Murphy, DECIPHer



Professor Simon Murphy is the Director of the UKCRC Centre DECIPHer. The Centre has an international reputation for the development and evaluation of complex interventions to improve health with a particular focus on children and young people. He also leads the National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR) funded Public Health Improvement Research Network and the MRC School Health Research Network, both of which bring together policy makers, practitioners, the public and academics to co-produce interventions and facilitate rigorous pragmatic effectiveness studies with sustainable policy, practice and population impacts. Simon is particularly concerned with developing multilevel interventions that address ecological influences on health and reduce health inequalities. To this end he has undertaken a large number of pragmatic randomised controlled trials of national policies including exercise referral and primary school free breakfasts.

### **Professor Ashley Adamson, Fuse**



Ashley Adamson is Director of Fuse, UKCRC Centre for Translational Research in Public Health. Fuse has a wide network of partners working in public health practice and policy, including Local Authorities, third sector organisations and business. In April 2017, Ashley was appointed National Director for the NIHR School for Public Health Research. She is a Professor of Public Health Nutrition at Newcastle University and a NIHR Research Professor. Ashley leads a research team in Public Health Nutrition Research in the Human Nutrition Research Centre, and the Public Health Improvement theme in the Institute of Health & Society. In 2011, she was awarded Fellowship of the Faculty of Public Health through distinction. Her personal research interests focus on the complex relationships between the food environment and food choice, socio demographic and wider upstream determinants of health with a particular focus on prevention of obesity and associated disease.

### **Professor John W. Frank, SCPHRP**



Professor Frank is the Director of an Edinburgh-based Centre, funded by the Medical Research Council and the Scottish Chief Scientist Office: the Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy. The Collaboration seeks to develop and robustly test novel public health policies and programme to equitably improve health status in Scotland, through partnering with research-users. He has also been: a Professor (now Emeritus) at the University of Toronto, at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, since 1983; founding Director of Research at the Institute for Work & Health in Toronto (1991-1997); and inaugural Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Population and Public Health (2000-2008). John is trained as a specialist physician in Community Medicine.

### **Professor John Britton, UKCTAS**



John Britton is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Nottingham and an honorary consultant in respiratory medicine at Nottingham City Hospital. He is director of the UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies, and chairs the tobacco advisory group of the Royal College of Physicians.