

Better together: integrating transport and health policy and practice 6pm, Wednesday 21 January 2015

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The idea of achieving transport and public health objectives through better integration of these policy areas is not new. However, there have been a number of developments in recent years that create new opportunities for joint working, in particular the return of responsibility for public health to local authorities. Concern about obesity has been a major driver for promoting active travel for some time now. More recently, air pollution, much of it caused by road transport, has been recognised as a major public health issue contributing to 29,000 premature deaths each year. This seminar will consider why and how transport planners and health practitioners can work better together. Our speakers are:

Harry Rutter is an academic public health physician based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He was the founder director of the National Obesity Observatory for England and chaired the NICE Programme Development Group (PDG) on walking and cycling. He has a broad interest in the relations between all aspects of transport, sustainability, built environment and health.

Guy Hitchcock is a principal consultant at Ricardo-AEA with over 20 years' experience of transport and environmental issues. He has worked on a range of national and international studies on transport technology and emissions and is one of the authors of the recent RAC Foundation report on Air Quality and Transport.

Beth Capps is a Senior Public Health manager at Thurrock Council, whose lead areas include reducing obesity, increasing the proportion of people who are of a healthy weight and increasing physical activity. **Adrian Barritt** is a transport planner with Mott MacDonald, focussing on enabling sustainable transport journeys. He is currently working on behalf of Thurrock Council to deliver their LSTF project, Travel Thurrock. Their presentation will show how national transport and public health agendas have been aligned and delivered on a local scale.

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