

**Foreword to Volume 2 of the Health Challenge Wales Toolkit by Alan Higgins, President, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health**

I am pleased to be able to welcome the second volume of the Health Challenge Wales toolkit which is bigger and better than volume 1, which has already made a significant contribution to improving public health in Wales.

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health has been pleased to work with the Welsh Assembly Government to produce a further excellent example of Best Practice in action. One of our key aims in producing both this volume and the first volume was to work as a conduit for information and to disseminate Best Practice. This was only possible by working closely with those authorities at the forefront of Best Practice.

Research by student Environmental Health Practitioner, Georgina Wayman, has shown that over half of the initiatives in volume 1 have been taken up by local authorities and in many instances expanded to be better and more encompassing. I am sure that Volume 2 will provide new encouragement to local authorities to continue and expand their contribution to improving public health

I would thank all those authorities that have contributed to the second volume of the toolkit and encourage others who are delivering Best Practice to continue to work with us.

I am sure that authorities and practitioners will receive a lot of value from the second volume of the toolkit which will impact significantly upon the health of their populations.

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