Dr Lincoln Sargeant, Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire.

Dr Sargeant leads a team of public health specialists and works closely with communities and organisations across the county to assess the overall health of the population of North Yorkshire and monitors progress on improving health and reducing inequalities between communities.

The Director of Public Health is the principal adviser to the Health and Wellbeing Board in developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy based on the assessed needs of the population and proven interventions to improve health. Lincoln and his team will be responsible for providing specialist public health advice to commissioners on priorities for health and social care spending and the appropriate configuration of services within and between local authorities. He will support the Local Resilience Forum in developing comprehensive multi agency plans for the anticipated threats to public health in North Yorkshire.

Dr Sargeant was previously a consultant in public health medicine with NHS Cambridgeshire where he led a portfolio including health protection, social inclusion and the new growth agenda as well as being Chair of the Exceptional Cases Panel. Lincoln is a medical graduate of the University of the West Indies and holds postgraduate degrees from the University of Cambridge in epidemiology and public health. He was a lecturer at the University of Cambridge and has published over 40 research articles on aspects of chronic disease epidemiology and public health.