

Dame Sally Davies

Toxic Feminist of the Month



J4MB presents [Dame Sally Davies](#), Chief Medical Officer for England since 2011, with its **Toxic Feminist of the Month** award for December 2015. She had already come to our attention on a number of occasions since her appointment, notably with respect to comments she made on her invention, [the male b***shit gene](#), and [menopausal women](#) needing paid time off work to deal with their symptoms.

Ms Davies was the first female Chief Medical Officer for England, and she continued her predecessors' fixation with the health of women and girls, whilst appearing far less interested in the health of men and boys. On 11 December 2011, following her publication of a major report focusing specifically on the health issues affecting women, she made a speech. The *Daily Mail* report on the report and speech is [here](#). An extract:

Dame Sally will label obesity as the 'golden thread' which affects all stages of women's lives. 'We need to address the educational and environmental factors that cause obesity and empower women and their families to live healthier lives,' she will say.

'In women, obesity can affect the outcomes of any pregnancies they have and the health of any future children they may have. This is a difficult message to convey, *as it risks burdening women with guilt and responsibility*, [our emphasis] but I believe that it can also empower women to take positive steps like eating more healthily and taking more exercise.'

This is a textbook case of a feminist in a position of authority and influence, not using that authority and influence to tell women and girls they have moral agency, and must exercise it. *Women and girls need to be told they bear sole responsibility for being obese*. If this risks 'burdening' them with guilt and responsibility, so be it. 'Addressing educational and environmental factors' hasn't worked historically, and it never will. It will merely lead to the creation of yet more non-jobs (for woman, almost invariably) in the public sector, 'educating' women and girls about the consequences of stuffing their faces with pies, chips, and chocolate, and not taking enough physical exercise. And who will pick up the tab? Male taxpayers, in the main, who pay 72% of the income tax collected in the UK, £69 BILLION p.a. more than female taxpayers, the last time we checked.