

Association of Directors of Public Health

Annual Report 2008-2009



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Introduction

Welcome to the ADPH Annual Report for 2008/09, which highlights our work and achievements in what has been another significant year for the Association, with:

- strengthening of communication, services and support for members;
- advocacy and policy development;
- the continued development of the governance structure;
- rolling out of the 2007-10 Business Plan;
- and building new collaborations and partnerships.

I hope you find this report informative - please visit our website or contact our office if you would like to know more about our work.

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Context to development of the Association

Public Health has been high on the political agenda for several years now. The Wanless reviews brought a new understanding of the economic importance of public health measures to improve and protect health. The intransigence of health inequalities, the increasing importance of emergency planning and the need to commission health services more intelligently all mean the role of Public Health across the three domains is greater than ever.

The role of the Director of Public Health (DPH) with oversight across the whole agenda in leading public health teams and collaborating across agencies is key to achieving successful health outcomes. Devolution has brought some divergence in health policy across the UK but irrespective of changes in NHS structures and differences in the health agenda in the four UK countries the DPH as guardian of the population's health remains a vital and challenging job.

There are many national public health associations with a variety of remits. The emphasis now is on collaboration and partnership where goals are similar and support for each other where agendas overlap. Funding and indeed expertise is limited and duplication of effort is clearly wasted resource. The national Public Health organisations with a remit across the whole of public health are coming together not only to share knowledge and experience and maximise resources but also to strengthen their voice as advocates for health.

In 2006/08, the Department of Health provided financial support to enable the development of the ADPH, providing pump-priming for the appointment of staff to assure an Association fit for purpose. At the 2007 AGM it was agreed that the ADPH should introduce a subscription, in order that the Association could go forward on a secure financial basis.

Values

As a public health association the ADPH aims to follow the values as laid down by the Faculty of Public Health. As a public sector organisation it expects its staff and executive to follow Nolan's seven principles of public life along with the more recently realised imperative of environmental awareness.

Aims & Objectives

The aim of the ADPH is to support Directors of Public Health (DsPH) in improving and protecting the health of the population by working to:

- collate and present the views of DsPH on public health policy to national governments, the media and other organisations;
- influence legislation and policy at a local, regional, national and international level;
- facilitate a support network for DsPH to share ideas and good practice and support problem-solving;
- identify and fulfil the development needs of DsPH where practicable and appropriate;
- in collaboration with others, further the of comprehensive, equitable public health policies through relevant statutory and other bodies.

As well as opportunistic interventions, there will be initiated prioritised activity where:

- DsPH are the major stakeholders;
- DsPH have specific and separate issues to consider;
- the DsPH contribution will have greater impact if expressed independently;
- there is a gap that is a priority for DsPH that is not being covered by others.

Development and Activity 2008/09

This Annual Report highlights key activity during 2008/09 in the delivery of membership services, activity on behalf of members, and the development of the Association, such as:

- policy development and advocacy;
- representation on government and other bodies, and response to consultations;
- collation of a core data set of membership to provide a unique overview of the DPH population;
- supporting networking and communication between members;
- continuing development of the ADPH website for members;
- regular membership communications through the local representative structure and the ADPH e-bulletin *e-DPH*; and responding to membership enquiries;
- organising events aimed directly at DsPH and their current issues;
- support for DPH development;
- refinement of the governance structure, Business Plan and Constitution;
- the continued development of organisational systems & infrastructure;
- implementation of the corporate subscription.

Policy development

The Association is involved in policy development in order to positively impact on health and healthcare. Wherever possible policies are developed in partnership with other national Public Health Associations and other organisations working within the wider Public Health context.

The Association has a strong programme of building on existing relationships and widening the circle of relevant contacts, developing an understanding of how we should work together with partners such as the Faculty of Public Health (FPH), RSPH, ADASS, ADCS, the LGA, NHS Confederation, and NICE; collaborators such as IDeA (and specifically the Healthy Communities Programme), CIEH, NHS National Knowledge Service, PH Commissioning Network, the HPA and the Association of Public Health Observatories; and with single topic public health organisations such as ASH, Sustrans, the Terrence Higgins Trust or broader based organisations with a public health stream such as the BMA, NHS Alliance etc.

The development of the ADPH local representative structure and constitution have provided frameworks that support policy development and the involvement of members in this. During 2008/09 we have introduced new policy frameworks to improve our ability to build a portfolio of ADPH and joint policies.

Specific policy work during 2008/09 has focused on:

Alcohol – ADPH worked jointly with the Faculty to produce an Alcohol Position Statement, which was completed in April 2008. ADPH also responded to the DH alcohol consultation *Safe, Sensible, Social*. Details are at: http://www.adph.org.uk/policies_and_publications.php

Sexual health – we collaborated with the Terrence Higgins Trust to produce *Five steps to better sexual health & supporting people with HIV* – which sets out a five step plan to aid sexual health commissioners in improving the UK's sexual health and supporting people with HIV. Following on from this successful publication, ADPH and THT developed and presented a workshop on *World class commissioning for better sexual health* aimed at DsPH and other sexual health commissioners, offering a valuable opportunity to: examine national policies; develop strategies to improve the commissioning of sexual health services; and showcase and share successful local approaches. The workshop – which was held in March 2009 and was free to ADPH members from subscribing organisations – was very well received and the outcomes along with the joint publication are available on our website: <http://www.adsph.org.uk/events.php>

http://www.adsph.org.uk/downloads/policies/Sexual_Health_policy_2009.pdf

Take Action on Active travel – ADPH instigated a joint initiative with Sustrans to develop a unique collaboration of organisations working across the broad spectrum of public health and environmental sectors. The outcome was a powerful policy call for decision-makers nationally and locally to take action on active travel and to make a positive impact on obesity levels. The policy call was launched in April 2008 and continues to attract the support of a wide range of influential organisations – currently with over 100 signatories. We continue to lead this collaboration. Further information can be found at: <http://www.adph.org.uk/news.php>

NHS car parking charges – following UK-wide consultation with members, we produced an ADPH position statement on NHS car parking charges, which was prepared in response to increasing public interest in this issue and enquiries received as a result of our collaborative work on *Take Action on Active Travel*. The position statement can be accessed at:

http://www.adph.org.uk/policies_and_publications.php

We also collaborated with partners on other topics:

Commissioning – over the year, the President has continued discussions with Sir Muir Gray, Chief Knowledge Officer & Director of the NHS National Knowledge Service, to develop ADPH input to the NHS Public Health Commissioning Network for England.

Children's services - we worked alongside the FPH, Association of Directors of Children's Services, Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health, and Child Health Special Interest Group on the production of guidance on joint commissioning of children's services across local authorities & PCTs (April 2008). http://www.adph.org.uk/policies_and_publications.php

Tobacco control – we have continued to work with ASH and in 2009 ADPH became a signatory to the ASH campaign in support of tobacco control measures in the Health Bill. We also provided all ADPH members with information and support to contact Peers and MPs locally to seek their support of these measures as the Health Bill progressed through Parliament in 2009.

All ADPH policies can be found on our website: www.adph.org.uk

Advocacy

The ADPH President also leads a programme of advocacy, seeking to highlight key public health issues, addressing priority topics, responding to policy statements, news items, media requests, and invitations to present at external events. Just some of the meetings that the President has participated in during 2008/09 include:

- Discussions with colleagues at the Department of Health: Mark Britnell, David Behan, David Harper, Judy Jones and Val Day;
- President of the Faculty of Public Health Alan Maryon-Davis
- Royal Society for Public Health Chief Executive Richard Parish
- Mike Kelly, Director of the Public Health Excellence Centre, NICE
- Sir Muir Gray, NHS Chief Knowledge Officer
- Graham Jukes, CIEH Chief Executive
- Kevin Barron MP, Chair of the Health Select Committee
- Andrew Lansley CBE MP, Conservative Shadow Secretary of Health
- Norman Lamb MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of Health
- Chief Medical Officers Sir Liam Donaldson and Harry Burns
- Meetings with leaders of other national PH organisations, and colleagues at the Healthcare Commission, ADASS, HPA, NHS Confederation, and Local Government Association

ADPH in the media – we have continued to highlight and respond to issues of importance to PH and DsPH through the media, with the President and other ADPH Executive members featuring on broadcasts such as the Today programme on Radio 4, Radio 5 Live, Channel 4 news, and in newspapers/journals including a number of articles in HSJ, and national newspapers.

Representation and consultations

The ADPH is invited to input to and participate in groups and committees, and representatives are sought from ADPH Executive members or where possible from the wider membership. Details of representations are listed at Appendix 1.

ADPH also participates in a range of public health consultation exercises (including requests for evidence) that relate to public health policy and practice, with members' expertise being used to

draw up responses and evidence. Full details of our responses to consultations are available on the ADPH website or at our offices. For a list please see Appendix 2.

Core data set

Work began in early 2008 on the preparation of a core data set of members. During 2008/09 members were asked to contribute information on their role and associated core data that will enable us to build the first contemporary core dataset of DPH details across the UK. The core dataset is an important initiative that will support:

- collation of key DPH workforce planning data that will be shared with health departments in all UK Countries;
- the identification of, and response to, DPH development needs through collaboration with IDeA, National Social Marketing Centre and other leadership programmes;
- the planning and delivery of services for ADPH members.

The data is now being collated and will provide a unique and comprehensive overview of the DPH population throughout the UK.

Networking and communication

Website

During 2008/09 there has been continuing development of the ADPH website, with the aim of providing immediate and useful information to members on the Association and its activities. The website gives access to all ADPH event information, our policies, Business Plan, governance arrangements and much more. It provides a daily news-feed that provides up-to-date information and web links to topical public health issues; and a new inter-active page for all members is currently being piloted and will be launched later in 2009.

Communication

Our new representative structure has increased local ADPH representation, with the aim of improving communication between the Association and its members, and to support this we have introduced *Me-DPH*, a regular newsletter for our constituency representatives on ADPH activity.

During the year all members and stakeholders have received regular *e-DPH* electronic newsletters providing news and updates on the work and activities of the Association, membership benefits, events and topical information. Additional all-member e-mails have invited specific policy input and provided time-limited information.

Most communication with members and others is now carried out using e-mail and this is proving very effective as well as keeping stationery and postage costs to a minimum. Teleconferencing is used as a matter of course for the Executive meetings and other planning meetings, reducing travel cost, time and environmental impact.

The introduction of ADPH staffing enables prompt response to membership enquiries; and the website provides a facility for members and others outside the organisation to make immediate email contact with staff via an *enquiries* email link.

Events

The Association continues to provide events aimed directly at DsPH, with programmes that are topical and useful to DsPH and their public health priorities. During 2008/09 the following events were held:

ADPH Annual Conference and AGM, May 2008

The ADPH, ADCS and ADASS worked together to present a joint conference for their members in May 2008, with the theme *Inequalities and Wellbeing – Working Together*. The conference explored ways in which Directors of Public Health, Adult Social Services and Children's Services can work together to reduce health inequalities, and promote and improve wellbeing. In addition to keynote speakers and Question & Answer panels, delegates had the opportunity to take part in workshops focusing on:

- Joint commissioning of children's services
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Addressing health inequalities – a regional and local approach

Andrew Cozens CBE, Strategic Adviser for Children, Adults & Health Services, Improvement and Development Agency for local government (IDeA) chaired the conference, and keynote speakers and panel members were:

Dr Maggie Atkinson, President, Association of Directors of Children's Services

David Behan CBE, Director General for Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships

Dr Tim Crayford, President, Association of Directors of Public Health

John Dixon, President, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services

Dr Steve Feast, Senior Advisor, Health & Wellbeing, Department of Health

Peter Lauener, Director of Supporting Delivery, Department for Children Schools & Families

Julia Ross, National Programme Lead for Social Care, Care Services Improvement Partnership

One hundred and seventeen delegates participated in the conference and workshops, which were well received and evaluated.

The Great Public Health Debate at the FPH Conference, June 2008

ADPH President Tim Crayford chaired the second Great Public Health Debate which was held as part of the Faculty of Public Health's conference in Cardiff in June 2008. Panel members were: Andrew Lansley CBE MP, Conservative Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Norman Lamb MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Helen Mary Jones, Plaid Cymru Spokesperson for Health and Social Services.

ADPH Governance & Policy workshops

In November 2008 a Governance & Policy workshop was held for all ADPH Executive members to discuss and develop ADPH policy priorities and the future development of the Association. A regular programme of workshops for ADPH Executive members is now in place, with two workshops held per year. The outcomes from the workshops are shared with members through their local constituency representatives and via our *e-DPH* newsletter.

World class commissioning for better sexual health - joint ADPH/THT workshop, March 2009

ADPH collaborated with the Terrence Higgins Trust to present a workshop in March 2009 on *World class commissioning for better sexual health* aimed at DsPH and other sexual health commissioners. The workshop provided a valuable opportunity to: examine national policies; develop strategies to improve the commissioning of sexual health services; and showcase and share successful local approaches.

The workshop fee of £100 did not apply to ADPH members from subscribing organisations, who were able to attend free of charge.

ADPH Annual Conference and AGM 2009

In light of the demands on DsPH time arising from the pandemic 'flu situation and the consequential workload pressures on members, we postponed our Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held on 12th May until 11th September. The conference considered the contribution that Directors of Public Health and their teams can make to commissioning, and specifically explored: the interaction between commissioning and public health; how DsPH can be effective in supporting commissioning locally; and how DsPH can support national initiatives to improve better healthcare services.

As well as providing a networking and discussion opportunity for leaders in Public Health, speakers included: Claire Whittington, Acting Director General of Commissioning, DH; Paul Cosford, Regional Director of Public Health, East of England; Sir Muir Gray, Chief Knowledge Officer, NHS; and Catherine Swann, Associate Director, Centre for Public Health Excellence Centre, NICE.

The conference fee of £120 did not apply to ADPH members from subscribing organisations, who were able to attend free of charge.

Director of Public Health development and support

DPH Annual Report Competition

Twenty-nine entries were received for the 2008/09 ADPH Annual Report Competition, and the shortlisted candidates were:

Camden PCT – “Closing Time”

Derbyshire County PCT – “Derbyshire DPH Annual Report 2007/08”

States of Jersey – “Our Island Our Health 2008”

NHS North Yorkshire and York – “Finding the mission for commissioning”

Portsmouth tPCT – “Understanding the Gap in Life Expectancy”

NHS Sheffield – “Assessing need leading change”

The winning entries were:

1st prize - NHS Sheffield – “Assessing need leading change”

2nd prize - Camden PCT – “Closing Time”

3rd prize - Portsmouth tPCT – “Understanding the Gap in Life Expectancy”

with presentations taking place at the Annual Conference on 11th September. Full details can be found on our website at: http://www.adph.org.uk/annual_report_competition.php

DPH Development

2008/09 has seen a lot of activity on DsPH development with a variety of programmes being planned that will be of benefit to members.

ADPH Chief Executive Nicola Close has worked with the IDeA Healthy Communities Programme, ADASS and ADCS to develop locally focused learning sets. IDeA have been undertaking a scoping exercise that will inform the development process as it moves ahead during 2009.

Discussions were also progressed with DH, the National Social Marketing Centre, and others on a number of potential joint work streams, such as:

- development of learning sets that would include social marketing and the DPH role;
- on-going leadership/master class programme;
- aspiring DPH programmes.

Governance

Over the past year the ADPH staff have consolidated the new governance framework to take the Association forward on a strong and robust basis.

ADPH President and Vice President

The post of ADPH President became vacant in-term when Tim Crayford stepped down as President during October 2008 due to a change in role. Following an election process, Frank Atherton (formerly Vice President) became ADPH President in November 2008.

The post of ADPH Vice President therefore became vacant in-term and in accordance with the constitution an interim appointment to Vice President was made from amongst ADPH Executive members – with Chris Packham (DPH Nottingham City) becoming interim Vice President. To fill the substantive vacancy, an election process for ADPH Vice President was instigated in March 2009 and as a result Chris Packham became ADPH Vice President.

ADPH Executive

In light of feedback from members, and as the result of work done at our Executive workshop in November 2008 we refined the role of our UK-wide constituency representatives so that the two representative members in each patch now share roles rather than the previous separation which caused some confusion.

The shared roles include: developing two-way communication with members locally, being a member of the ADPH Executive Committee, and leading on an area of policy development.

In early 2008 we sent information to all members describing in more detail the role of ADPH constituency representatives and inviting new representatives to come forward to fill existing vacancies in the regions and other nations.

As a result, we were pleased to welcome the following new constituency representatives:

North West - Maggi Morris, DPH, NHS Central Lancashire

West Midlands - Caron Grainger, Joint DPH, Coventry Teaching PCT

South East - Ruth Milton, DPH & MD, Surrey PCT

London - Mike Robinson, DPH Hounslow PCT

North East - Miriam Davidson, DPH at Darlington PCT

Vacancies remain in: North East, North West, Yorkshire & Humber, East Midlands and South Central. Any members interested in becoming a constituency representative should contact: julia.ellis@adph.nhs.uk

Full details of the roles and rules for all Executive members can be found in the Constitution (available via the website); along with a list of current Executive members.

Over 2008/09 there have been 3 minuted Honorary Officer meetings; 8 minuted Executive meetings held by teleconference and one Executive workshop. This balance between face to face and distance meetings has worked well and will be continued.

ADPH organisational model

There has been early discussion of the ADPH organisational model and it has been agreed that options should begin to be drawn up for consideration as described in the Business Plan. This work will progress in 2009.

Constitution

The new constitution was approved by members at the 2008 AGM.

Further revisions aimed at clarifying practice will be presented to the 2009 AGM.

Business Plan 2007-2010

The Association's 2007-2010 Business Plan was shared with members and approved at the 2008 AGM. Progress on meeting its objectives has been reviewed by Executive members over the past year and found to be on target.

Staffing and infrastructure

ADPH staffing

In December, Honorary Officers agreed that there was a need to have a high level core support team for taking forward the aims of the organisation – particularly on development of DsPH and the DPH role; and policy and advocacy in support of DsPH. Having achieved the organisational set-up and secured governance arrangements over the past 18 months it was agreed that the staff focus should now shift to achieving these organisational aims. A revision of the Chief Executive and project manager roles and job descriptions was therefore undertaken to take effect from 1st April 2009.

In January 2009 we welcomed Alex Parr to the staff as PA Administrator (p/t), who joined existing staff members: Nicola Close, Chief Executive (f/t); Julia Ellis, Project Manager (p/t); and Lucy Manning, Administrator & Project Manager (p/t).

HR policies and procedures used are those of the host PCT. Staff are part of the local public health network and the Chief Executive has regular meetings with the local DPH to ensure local accountability. The Chief Executive meets regularly with and is accountable to the President, other Honorary Officers and the Executive.

ADPH office

The Association has an office in Cambridge hosted by the local Primary Care Trust. This provides good value for money whilst retaining the ability of staff to travel widely and attend regular meetings in London, and elsewhere as necessary. In July 2009 the ADPH office relocated to new PCT offices in central Cambridge at Lockton House, Clarendon Road, Cambridge, CB2 8FH.

Communications

The IT network is part of the NHS web and supported under the PCT contract. As well as office PCs there is the opportunity for remote and mobile working to allow staff to work flexibly. Although by no means paperless, the ADPH encourages e-mail and web-based communication wherever possible.

Finance

The ADPH budget is managed by Cambridgeshire PCT as host, with NHS systems and policies applying to all transactions. The Chief Executive has established robust financial accounting and monitoring systems to ensure probity and accountability, including an agreed budget profile, monthly budget statements, in-house monitoring and oversight by the Treasurer.

A statement of the accounts for 2008/09 has been prepared separately and will be reported to the 2009 AGM. Auditing is undertaken under existing NHS procedures and carry forward is allowed to ensure business continuity.

Subscriptions

In 2007 members agreed on the introduction of an ADPH subscription, without which the Association could not progress and thrive as an active, sustainable and independent organisation working on behalf of Directors of Public Health. This is a corporate subscription based on a fixed sum for each Primary Care Organisation in England plus a population levy. As Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have differing structures and funding streams, discussions are continuing as to the most appropriate methods of raising their subscriptions.

During October 2008 members in England were sent a letter confirming the level of their organisation's corporate subscription for 2008/09 (which had been held at the same level as the rate for 2007/08). Invoices were issued in November to all subscribing organisations in England.

During 2009, members were consulted on the 2009/10 and beyond subscription levels, and the outcome will be considered at the 2009 AGM.

External funding

In February 2009 we submitted bids to the Department of Health for project funding to support the development of a number of specific projects. The DH has since confirmed that whilst it cannot provide funding for these specific bids, it does wish to support a PH workforce project that ADPH will undertake on its behalf, with membership workshops being held later in 2009 and 2010.

Appendix 1 – Representation on other bodies 2008/09

Details	ADPH Representative
Public Health Leadership Group Development Meeting	Diana Grice
PH Leadership Forum for Pharmacy	Paul Edmondson-Jones
Pharmaceutical public health implementation advisory group	Paul Edmondson-Jones
Implementation Group for Scientific & Technical Advice to Strategic Co-ordinating Groups (STAC Implementation Group)	Andrew Clark
HPA LARS Sub-Committee	Diana Grice / Judith Hooper
Know Your Limits National Steering Group	Paul Edmondson-Jones
Informing Healthier Choices - Steering Group	Judith Hooper
Information Centre for Health & Social Care: Review of Survey Programme	Judith Hooper / Ian Cameron

Appendix 2 – Consultations 2008/09

During 2008/09 we participated in the following consultation exercises:

- NICE: Topic Selection Process for Technology Appraisals
- Unified Public Health Service in Wales
- Delivery of the New NHS in Wales
- Guidance on the PH Practitioner Career Framework
- NICE: Public Health Intervention Guidance – Preventing unintentional road injuries among under 15's
- DH Guidance on NHS patients who wish to pay for additional private care
- Health Select Committee Inquiry into top-up fees
- DH alcohol consultation: Safe, sensible, social
- NHS Constitution (joint ADPH and FPH)
- NICE: Draft guidance on physical activity for children
- DH consultation on the framework for the registration of health & adult social care
- DH consultation on tobacco control

Appendix 3 – ADPH Executive Membership 2008/09

Elected Honorary Officers 2008/09:

Position	Name	Term of office
President	Tim Crayford (stood down 2008) Frank Atherton	2006/09 2008/2012
Vice-President	Nigel Monaghan (stood down 2008) Chris Packham (co-opted '08-09; elected 2009)	2006/09 2009-2012
Secretary	Paul Edmondson-Jones (co-opted '08; elected 2008 AGM)	2008/11
Treasurer	Janet Atherton	2007/10
Membership Secretary	Mike Robinson (stood down '08) Judith Hooper	2006/09 2008/2011

Constituency Representatives 2008/09:

Region/ Country		
Scotland	Lesley Wilkie , Chair of Scottish DPH Group DPH, NHS Grampian	Alison McCallum - DPH, NHS Lothian
Wales	Stephen Monaghan - Local DPH Cardiff, NPHS Wales	Andrew Jones - RDPH, North Wales, NPHS Wales
Northern Ireland	Bill McConnell (retired 2009) Western Health & Social Services Board	Vacancy
North East	Miriam Davidson (joined 2009) DPH, Darlington PCT	Vacancy
North West	Frank Atherton (became President 2008) Maggi Morris (joined 2009) DPH, NHS Central Lancashire	Mike Leaf (stood down 2008) DPH, Blackburn with Darwen PCT Vacancy
Yorkshire & the Humber	Ian Cameron - DPH Leeds PCT	Judith Hooper (became Membership Sec 2009) Vacancy
East Midlands	David Black - DPH, Derbyshire County PCT	Chris Packham (became Vice-President 2008/09) Vacancy
West Midlands	Catherine Woodward - DPH, Telford & Wrekin PCT	Isabel Gillis (stood down 2008/09) DPH, Shropshire County PCT Caron Grainger (joined 2009) Joint DPH, Coventry Teaching PCT
East of England	Andy Liggins - DPH, Peterborough PCT	Peter Bradley - DPH, Suffolk PCT/CC
London	Maggie Harding (retired 2008/09) DPH, Sutton & Merton PCT Mike Robinson (joined 2009) DPH Hounslow PCT	Ruth Wallis - DPH Lambeth PCT
South East	Diana Grice - DPH & Wellbeing/Medical Director, East Sussex Downs & Weald & Hastings & Rother PCTs	Ruth Milton (joined 2009) DPH & MD Surrey PCT
South Central	Nick Hicks - DPH, Milton Keynes PCT	Paul Edmondson-Jones (became Honorary Secretary 2008) Vacancy
South West	Debra Laphorne - DPH, Plymouth tPCT	Rosemary Geller - DPH, Jersey
Regional DPH	Paul Cosford - RDPH, East of England	

Non-voting:

Position	Name	Term of office
Chief Executive	Nicola Close	Ex-officio
Faculty Observer	Margaret Guy	2006 - 2009