

West Midlands Network Meeting

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Thank you!

- Thank you for the invitation to join you today
- To all of you here today for the outstanding work you deliver to tackle the many converging public health challenges we currently face.
- A special thank you to those who work with the Faculty through our Committees, Special Interest Groups, as Examiners, Advisors and through many other Faculty roles.

Challenging times for Population Health

Risk of a resurgence of COVID-19 coinciding with the winter period, and potential for an earlier and **larger flu season** owing to low levels of flu activity during the preceding two years; high rates were seen in the southern hemisphere's winter season. Lower levels of vaccination coverage in London and in certain population groups.

A growing backlog for elective care, **rising emergency demand**, **increasing waits in A&E** departments, longer ambulance response times, longer waits for cancer treatment - impacting detrimentally on patient access, experience and outcomes

Staff burnout and fatigue at all levels and in all organisations across London, coupled with potential for industrial action and recruitment and retention challenges

Excess morbidity and mortality is usually seen each winter, especially if there are severe **cold weather episodes**. This phenomenon may be exacerbated this year by increased fuel poverty and the cost of living crisis (see below).

Longer-standing **structural challenges** in the health and care system, including workforce shortages and capacity challenges

Disruption to the delivery of health care during the pandemic, and in particular to the **management of long term conditions and preventive programmes** such as screening and immunisations, leading to poorer control, later presentation/diagnosis and increased health need and system demand

The **cost of living crisis**, higher energy bills, rents, poverty, food instability and mental health impacts will place undue pressures on the most vulnerable in society, and may also have specific direct impacts on people's access to and use of health and care services eg prescriptions, dentistry, medical aids and devices.

Exacerbation of inequalities – there is potential for existing inequalities in health to be exacerbated further this winter. The pandemic highlighted the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on London's Black, Asian and ethnic minority communities, and the rising cost of living will hit those who are already disadvantaged or with existing vulnerabilities the hardest.

FPH Strategy 2020 – 25

Better Health for all – Leaving no one behind

1 MEMBERSHIP	We will recognise and promote our members as our greatest resource
2 WORKFORCE	We will ensure that we have a professional public health workforce that is able to meet future opportunities and challenges
3 STANDARDS	We will maintain and further develop high quality standards
4 KNOWLEDGE	We will act as a network of public health expertise, knowledge and evidence
5 ADVOCACY	We will deliver an ambitious and focused advocacy agenda
6 GLOBAL	We will build global public health competency and capacity
7 ORGANISATION	We will focus on financial viability and a strategic approach within the organisation
8 PARTNERSHIP	We will work in partnership with other organisations

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Board Focus Areas



Our People

A resilient, diverse and inclusive UK and global public health workforce fit for the future



1. Support the wellbeing of the **public health workforce** who are facing increasingly complex challenges
2. Work with partners to ensure improved clarity, equity, and experience for public health practitioners across their **career pathway**

Our Partnerships

Effective system leadership to improve the health of the public across all UK nations



3. We will expand formal and informal **relationships** with allied public health professionals and organisations focussed on improving the public's health and tackling health inequalities

Our Policies

A clear, unequivocal, and effective champion for health and equity in all policies



4. Tackling **poverty** and the cost-of-living crisis
5. Maximising **NHS prevention** & population health
6. **Climate change** and health
7. Tackling **health inequalities** and a public health approach to anti-racism
8. **Living healthier for longer** across the life-course

Our Programmes

Promote evidence-informed public health programmes to improve the public's health



9. **What is Public Health?** Ensuring the FPH is the lead voice for defining our profession, the PH system engaging members
10. **Future Public Health:** Building upon the COVID-19 pandemic to steer the future of public health practice, training, and workforce.

Our Global Impact

Promoting and enabling members to contribute to improvements in global health



11. Continue to deliver on our role as **global leaders** in training, development and support for the public health workforce and deliver critical policy agendas in partnership with other key global stakeholders

Work underway...

Membership

New CPD Policy launched in April 2022 to better support membership needs and development.

New membership systems including membership portal, e-Portfolio, website refresh.

Workforce

Advocating for a public health system which offers the best conditions and resources for public health professionals to deliver their work, and for an increase in workforce numbers.

Standards

Continuing to deliver our role in maintaining professional standards through Examinations, CCTs, Revalidation.

MFPH back to face-to-face from September 2022.

Knowledge

Revised PH training curriculum introduced in August.

New SIGs join the Faculty, including our Poverty SIG to address the cost-of-living crisis.

Advocacy

Influencing PH system reviews across the UK and responding to official COVID-19 inquiry.

Other priorities include climate and health, anti-racism, inequalities, cost-of-living crisis, and drugs.

Global

Continue to collaborate with global partners, e.g. with WHO on guidance over necessary arrangements for an effective emergency public health response.

Organisational

Sound budgetary management has allowed us to recognise members work by freezing fees.

New staff members joining the Faculty and hybrid working model established for Faculty staff.

Partnership

FPH remain dedicated to effective partnership working, including building links across the new public health system.

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2022: Year in Review



Returned to face-to-face format for the MFPH

Over **250** people sat FPH examinations

138 AACs supported by Faculty Assessors

180 Consultant-level job descriptions approved

600 people attended FPH's Climate Conference

4 UK CMOs delivered FPH's DARE Lecture 2022

FPH Parliamentary event on Overdose Prevention

First virtual FPH in Scotland Conference



1022 members accessed FPH's new membership portal

76 new Associate Members and **168** new Student Members

Published a landmark report on Equality and Diversity
in the Public Health Workforce

New policy briefings on **7** key public health topics

Climate advocacy before, during and after COP27

Calls for Government to invest in the public's health amidst
a cost of living crisis



Get involved with the work of the Faculty

- There are so many different ways to get involved with the work of the Faculty – each a valuable contribution to your own professional development and to the PH Specialty



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