



# The Faculty of Public Health

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## From the President

Huge excitement about this first X-Factor general election. Massive media hype. Unprecedented TV exposure. Unbridled demagoguery and bigotry, brickbats and dirty tricks. What a way to choose the next government.

And where's public health in all this mayhem?

All three main parties pay lip-service to the importance of promoting health and preventing ill-health. All three talk about engaging individuals and communities. All say they'll improve access to healthcare.

Labour pledges to keep the smoking ban, keep the Change 4 Life campaign, keep the HealthChecks programme. The Tories promise a Department of Public Health and a system of ring-fenced PH funding tied to deprivation and outcomes. The Lib-Dems support minimum pricing of alcohol and want to meet EU air pollution standards by 2012.

And what about that hovering axe? Tories want to cut NHS administrative costs by a third. Lib-Dems by a half – eliminating strategic health authorities. Labour will scale down the NHS IT programme.

But to get the full picture you have to look across each party's whole package covering education, housing, environment, transport, social services, employment, pensions, tax, the economy – the 'causes of the causes'.

At the end of the day, it comes down to basics. Stronger public services or more reliance on self-help, communities and businesses? More central direction or more local autonomy? Bigger government or bigger society? Or a healthy balance of all these assets.

The real X-Factor is our own personal vote. Let's make each one count.

We hope you've visited our new website and are enjoying the improved design and features. We've taken on board many of your ideas and suggestions about what you'd like from the FPH website. There are still a few changes to

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## FPH in the news

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**Soaring levels of alcohol consumption mar Labour's NHS record**

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**NHS change must be driven by clinical evidence**

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## On the FPH blog

Tune into adventures and experiences from an ex-DPH who has moved to India to work in public health. [Catch the first instalment here](#).

## CPD

come, but please let us know what you think so far. One key innovation to watch out for is My FPH, our members' area, launching very shortly. So do keep visiting.

Best wishes  
Alan

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## FPH news

### GMC consultation on revalidation – the way ahead

The GMC released their consultation – *Revalidation the Way Ahead* at a launch event on 1 March 2010. The consultation will close on 4 June 2010. The FPH along with all stake holders have been invited to respond. The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AOMRC) is also issuing a joint response.

Dr George, the administrative team, and the Revalidation Working Group, welcome the consultation document and its supporting literature. The work of FPH with both the GMC and AoMRC, is evident through numerous references to non-clinical working and doctors who do not work with patients, and references to the Faculties who will be appointing their own Responsible Officers.

The [draft FPH response](#) has been approved in principle by the Revalidation Working Group and the FPH Executive Committee.

All FPH members are invited to view the consultation on [the GMC website](#) and review the [draft FPH response](#). Please send any feedback or comments on this draft response to [Elin Sandberg](#) by Friday 21 May 2010. The draft will then be sent to the FPH Board for approval before being submitted to the GMC.

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### ACCEA announces dates for 2011 round

ACCEA expects the 2011 round to open on **1 September 2010** for online applications on the ACCEA website. The closing date for applications will be 5pm on Friday 10 December 2010. FPH will update you on FPH deadlines for support, in the next bulletin

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### Multisource feedback (MSF) instrument pilot for public health revalidation

FPH will be piloting the use of a public health MSF instrument over the summer and autumn. We are seeking 100 medical specialists and 50 specialists from a

Many thanks and congratulations to the 98% of members who submitted their CPD returns on time. The audit pool will be selected shortly and participants will receive a letter in the first week of May.

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## Public health events

For more information on any of these events please [visit the events section of the FPH website](#)

### Whole Again - Dealing with the Consequences of abuse for adults with learning disabilities

12 May 2010

### Five Nations Health Protection Conference 2010

18 May 2010

### 10th Annual Symposium on Obesity, Diabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome

20 May 2010

### Workshop on Lung Function Tests, Asthma and Work

21 May 2010

### Clinical update: Chlamydia

24 May 2010

### Mental Health and Substance Use

25 May 2010

### Addiction

25 May 2010

### Prevention and health inequalities

30 May 2010

### Alcohol and the Brain – MCA Symposium

08 June 2010

### Adults and adolescents with Autistic Spectrum conditions

09 June 2010

### Tackling Social Determinants of Health Through Culture Change, Advocacy and Education

background other than medicine, to test these instruments. Preliminary expressions of interest are invited with more information to follow shortly. Please contact [Elin Sandberg](#).

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### **FPH booklet - *Revalidation in Public Health***

Members are reminded that a new issue of the FPH booklet *Revalidation in Public Health* was published in March. All members were sent a copy. For additional copies please [email FPH central office](#) or [see the website](#) where information on revalidation is kept up to date.

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### **Revalidation Pilots**

FPH would like to hear from members participating in NHS Pathfinder Pilots in England and pilot programmes in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. FPH needs to ensure that public health is being represented in these pilots and offer support and advice to members undergoing this process. Please contact [Elin Sandberg](#).

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### **Review of Public Health Regulation**

The Board approved FPH's response to the evidence-gathering phase of the Review of Public Health Regulation. The consultation was due to report on initial findings in April but FPH has been informed of a delay due to the General Election.

The review is due to move into a full formal consultation at a legislative phase. [FPH's response can be viewed on the website](#).

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### **Journal of Public Health**

The *Journal of Public Health* features high quality papers on health improvement, health protection and service improvement, with a particular focus on the translation of science into action. The journal promotes the highest standards of public health practice by publishing the best current scientific evidence.

As a member of the Faculty of Public Health, you receive [free online access to the \*Journal of Public Health\*](#).

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### **Faculty Programme Liaison process commended**

The Faculty's new innovative FPL process has proved a hit with the PMETB, being specifically mentioned in relation to Externality in the Notable Practice Report 2010. Thanks and

10 June 2010

### **Working for Change - Global Health Advocacy**

10 June 2010

### **RCPE Symposium - Infectious Diseases: A Brave New World?**

11 June 2010

### **Early intervention in autism**

11 June 2010

### **National Commissioning Conference**

15 June 2010

### **Practical approaches to smoking cessation in acute and community settings**

17 June 2010

### **Pandemic influenza conference**

21 June 2010

### **Sandwell Health Other Economic Summit (SHOES) conference**

23-25 June 2010

### **The Future of Services for Bereaved Children: Best Practice and Reform**

01 July 2010

### **FPH Annual Conference 2010**

07 July 2010

### **1 Day Introduction to Health Impact Assessment Training Course**

14 July 2010

### **12th Annual Meeting of the SRNT Europe**

06 September 2010

### **Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society for Social Medicine**

06-08 September 2010

### **Health Protection 2010**

14-15 September 2010

### **Procurement in the NHS 2010**

15 September 2010

### **3 Day Health Impact Assessment Training Course**

05-07 October 2010

### **3rd joint European Public Health Conference**

10-13 November 2010

congratulations to all involved - we hope to build on this success in 2010.

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### Sir Donald Acheson

A service to celebrate the life of the late Sir Donald Acheson FFPH, past CMO England, whose reports were so influential in the development of public health in this country, will be held on Wednesday 9 June at 3pm at St Marylebone Parish Church, 17 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LT. All welcome.

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## FPH events

### FPH Annual Conference

Thank you to everyone who submitted an abstract for the poster competition. We had a huge postbag of submissions and the judges are now poring over them to choose the finalists. We aim to inform everyone of their decision by the end of next week.

At the conference, a second judging panel will consider the displayed posters and decide jointly on who will be awarded the prizes. A prize will be presented to the best poster submitted by a trainee and an overall winner. This year the poster competition is sponsored by [Oxford University Press](#)

Speakers are still being confirmed for this year's exciting *The Next Decade: What Next for Public Health* conference at Imperial College, London, on 7 July.

BBC Health Correspondent Adam Brimelow, will now be chairing the final debate and the Met Office's Head of Health Forecasting, Wayne Elliott, will join the panel on *Heatwaves, Floods and Natural Disasters: How Do We Need to Prepare and Adapt?*

Don't miss the best public health event of the year, [book your ticket on the website at www.fphconference.org](#). If you are interested in sponsorship or taking an exhibition stand at the conference, [please email the Events Officer Karen Tidy](#).

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### Future event date for the diary

We are delighted to announce the date for the FPH Annual Public Health Lecture, Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony. This event will take place on Wednesday 6 October at One Great George Street, London.

**2nd World Non-Profit and Social Marketing Conference**  
11-12 April 2011

**IEA World Congress of Epidemiology**  
07-12 August 2011

**Health and wellbeing – the 21st century agenda**  
01-30 September 2011

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More details will follow shortly including how to book your place at what looks set to be a very entertaining evening. So ensure the date is in your diary so as not to be disappointed.

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### **Working for Change: Global Health Advocacy**

The International Health Trainees' Group (IHTG) is holding a one-day conference on Thursday 10 June 2010 at the University of Sheffield.

The 'Working for Change: Global Health Advocacy' conference will explore how trainees in public health and other health-related fields can work for change on a variety of key global health issues such as global health governance, climate change and capacity building.

Supported by the FPH International Committee, NHS Yorkshire and the Humber and the Yorkshire and the Humber Deanery, confirmed speakers include **Malcolm McNeil**, Senior Health Advisor at DfID; **John Walley**, Professor of International Public Health at the Nuffield Centre for International Health and Development and **Paul Garner**, Professor in Community Health and Head of the International Health Group at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

Trainees wishing to attend should visit the conference website at [www.eventelephant.com/workingforchange](http://www.eventelephant.com/workingforchange) or email [international@fph.org.uk](mailto:international@fph.org.uk).

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## **Public health news**

### **Involving hospitals in addressing health inequalities**

The part hospitals can play in tackling health inequalities was the theme of a highly successful international conference held in Manchester in April, attended by over 500 delegates from across the globe. The conference was the annual event of the International Health-Promoting Hospital Network affiliated to WHO. It was jointly supported by network colleagues from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland and hosted by Stockport NHS Foundation Trust.

Stockport NHS FT is a spearhead in the health-promoting hospitals movement in the UK and is keen to encourage public health initiatives in hospital settings and to build up the HPH network. There is great potential to use such collaboration both internally in the UK and externally with the international members as a vehicle to share good practice and learn what works best. Hosting this year's

International HPH Conference in Manchester was a major step for UK prestige in this field. Further information is available from [Gary Cook](#).

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### **New web resource for public health professionals**

Described by Alan Maryon-Davis, FPH President as: "A hitchhiker's guide to the public health galaxy." [PHORCaST](#) is a UK-wide resource for anyone who works or is considering working in public health. It provides useful background on working in public health, information on career options, over 80 career success stories, advice on developing your career, and information on accessing education, training and funding.

The development team needs to know your opinions and suggestions. Let them know your thoughts by emailing [ask@phorcast.org.uk](mailto:ask@phorcast.org.uk).

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### **Email your parliamentary candidates about climate change and health**

Disappointed by the low profile of climate change in the election campaigning? Now you can contact your Prospective Parliamentary Candidates at a time when they might just listen.

A campaign has been organised by the Green Health Coalition, formed of the Campaign for Greener Healthcare, Medact, Medsin and the Climate and Health Council, to ask parliamentary candidates about their views on climate change and what steps they will take to address this threat to health.

[Visit the campaign website to take part](#)

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### **International Health Links Funding Scheme: Round 2 Now Open**

The UK International Health Links Funding Scheme (IHLFS), which was launched in 2009 with the funding support of the Department for International Development (DFID) and implemented jointly by the British Council and the Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET), is now open for grant applications from UK organisations and selected developing countries.

Start-up grants of up to £3,000 and project grants of up to £15,000 a year for one year or 22 months can be proposed by eligible organisations under this scheme.

The deadline to apply for this round of funding is **31 May**

2010. For more information visit the [British Council website](#).

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### Have you thought about chairing a NICE guidance development group?

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence looks for guidance development group chairs with good chairing skills and relevant experience, rather than specific topic expertise. Much public health practice provides an ideal background for these roles.

Chairing a NICE group allows you to enhance your chairing skills, develop a sophisticated knowledge base, help develop key national guidance and possibly meet some PDP and CPD needs!

NICE will be starting the following clinical and public health guidance over the next 6 months:

- Psoriasis
- Social phobia
- Schizophrenia up to 18 years of age
- Conduct disorders in children and young people
- Varicose veins
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- Acute kidney injury
- Incontinence in neurological disease
- Anaemia management in chronic kidney disease
- Testing for Hepatitis B and C
- Identification and weight management of overweight and obese children in primary care

For positions currently available visit <http://tinyurl.com/3yulcfu>.

Interested or have any questions? Please send an e-mail to [Judith Richardson](#)

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### DH establishes Major Trauma Improvement Forum

The Office for Public Management has been commissioned by the Department of Health to establish the [Major Trauma Improvement Forum](#).

The aim of the forum is to give patients, families, carers and professionals, as well as organisations or groups who represent patients and professionals, an important opportunity to influence the improvement of major trauma care.

If you would like to contribute to the forum, you can do so by registering at [www.majortrauma.net](http://www.majortrauma.net).