



From the President

Perhaps the pen really is mightier than the sword. '12 Steps to Public Health: a Manifesto' which outlines our 12 practical evidence-based ideas for an incoming government, has received excellent media coverage since its launch a fortnight ago, including the front page of *The Guardian*.

Interestingly, the issue the media concentrated on was our recommendation to ban the use of high transfat ingredients and the excessive re-use of oil for deep-frying. Banning anything always excites the media – and here was an issue they hadn't really focused on before. Of course it would mean more inspections by trading standards and environmental health officers – but it could have a powerful impact on heart disease and health inequalities.

The other 11 recommendations in our Manifesto can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/y8ns9gp>

Warm congratulations to Lindsey Davies on being elected as our next President, and to Steve George and John Middleton as Vice-Presidents. That's what I call a dream-team! The full results of the ballot can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ybmtod>

Best wishes
Alan

FPH news

Sir Donald Acheson (17 September 1926 – 10 January 2010)

FPH is saddened to report that former Chief Medical Officer and FPH fellow, Sir Donald Acheson has died. Sir Donald was CMO between 1983 and 1991, successfully overseeing the public health response to the then emergent AIDS epidemic.

His other achievements include the founding of the new medical school at Southampton University and research on the health hazards of asbestos and inner-city primary care. His influential government commissioned report on health inequalities, published in 1998, set out a number of recommendations about decreasing the health gap between rich and poor.

CPD reminder for all FPH members

CPD returns for 2009 (or applications for exemption) must be submitted to the FPH office by 31 March 2010.

All FPH members must meet minimum CPD requirements in order to remain in good standing, either by submitting an

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Better Health for All – FPH blog

Read regular updates and views on topical and emerging public health issues at www.betterhealthforall.org.

FPH on Twitter

We now have over 100 followers.

annual return or by ensuring that FPH has formally agreed to the reasons for your exemption.

- Visit <http://tinyurl.com/y9d24aa> to submit a return
- Visit <http://tinyurl.com/yc6cllt> to apply for exemption

If you have any queries about the completion of your return or your application for exemption, [please contact cpd@fph.org.uk](mailto:cpd@fph.org.uk).

Recovery & Reconstruction: The role of public health in conflict & humanitarian disaster situations

All around the world, at any given time, there are millions of people in humanitarian need. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs notes that "there is increasing human vulnerability in crisis situations – both in natural disasters and in complex emergencies." This vulnerability can be attributed to a range of factors, including armed conflict and environmental disasters.

FPH would like to hear from any members and fellows who have been or are currently involved in assessing the role and impact of public health in disaster situations or contributing to the post-crisis recovery and reconstruction effort of rebuilding health systems and capacity-building.

Please contact Rosy Emodi, Head of International Development at international@fph.org.uk.

FPH events

Faculty of Public Health Annual Conference – The Next Decade: What is the Future of Public Health?

Date: 7 July 2010
Venue: Imperial College, London

Enter the FPH poster competition

Do you have a piece of work or a project you feel would be of interest to the leaders in public health? Does it argue for a new approach or show evidence of an emerging problem?

Why not submit an abstract to be part of the poster display during the FPH annual conference, expected to be the biggest high level gathering in public health this year. All those accepted will be eligible for consideration in the FPH conference poster competition, being held at Imperial College.

The main theme for the conference is The Next Decade: What is the Future of Public Health? It will debate issues such as the economy, the challenges for the new government and the effectiveness of the health protection campaigns. As well as the main programme of high-level speeches, there will be plenty of time for debate and discussion in the break-out sessions.

For further information or to submit a proposal, [please visit www.fphconference.org](http://www.fphconference.org) or email fphconference@fph.org.uk with 'poster submission' in the subject line.

The deadline for submissions is Monday 1 March 2010.

Join the conversation and follow our comments, thoughts and questions on public health at www.twitter.com/fph

Recent consultation responses

FPH has this month responded to the Alcohol Etc (Scotland) Bill, and the English tobacco regulations included in the Health Bill 2009. To read these, and view other consultation responses, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ycqlo8>

Public health events

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

Is the NHS equipped to tackle the burden of alcohol alone?

Date: Tuesday 2 February
Venue: Sloane Room, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrews Pl, London, NW1 4LE

Sex, relationships and mental health

Date: 4 February 2010
Venue: ORT House Conference Centre, London

RGS-IBG Environment and Society Forum

Date: 10 February 2010
Venue: London

Occupational Asthma Workshop

Date: 23 February 2010
Venue: National Heart and Lung Institute, London SW3

Public Health Futures

Date: 23 February 2010
Venue: The King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN

4th Annual European Nutrition & Lifestyle Conference

Date: 23 & 24 February 2010
Venue: Hotel Bloom, Brussels

Working with the vulnerable offender

Date: 25 February 2010
Venue: Regent's College Conference Centre, London NW1

Infectious diseases

Date: Friday 26 February 2010
Venue: UH Bristol Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol, BS2 8AE

Radical Statistics 2010 Conference

Chief Medical Officer's Public Health Awards

Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, is calling for entries for the Chief Medical Officer's 2010 Public Health Awards. The awards are open to anyone working in public health in England, regardless of job role and title.

The winners will be announced at a ceremonial dinner on 12 May 2010, held at the Royal College of Physicians. Last year's Gold winner was Fresh – Smokefree North East, which launched in 2005 and was the UK's first dedicated regional office and programme for tobacco control.

For more information and to enter the awards please visit www.cmoawards.org.uk

Tax Health Plan – new campaign from HM Revenue and Customs

Medical professionals are being offered a Tax Health Plan by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) as a way of ensuring they are paying the right amount of tax.

The plan is part of a focus on medical professionals who fail to pay the correct tax on additional fees or income. These include those doing additional work on top of their main employment and who don't pay the correct tax.

For more information please visit: www.hmrc.gov.uk/tax-health-plan

No Smoking Day – Wed 10 March 2010

For 27 years No Smoking Day has been the UK's biggest health campaign of its kind. Last year almost a million people quit on the Day, and studies prove it's one of the most cost effective ways of promoting better health.

Despite the recent introduction of smokefree legislation, smoking remains the UK's number one cause of premature avoidable death.

Visit www.nosmokingday.org.uk/organisers for more information.

NICE publishes new guide to help the NHS

NICE has recently published 'How to use NICE guidance to commission high-quality services' to support commissioners in developing systems and processes that embed NICE guidance into commissioning.

The guide illustrates the support available from NICE, as well as the benefits using NICE guidance can bring for local populations.

Printed copies of this guide can be ordered from NICE publications (phone 0845 003 7783 or email publications@nice.org.uk and quote reference N2020), or you

Date: 27 February 2010

Venue: Friends Meeting House, Euston, London

Transforming Lives – Transforming Communities

Date: Friday 5 March 2010

Venue: Buckfast Abbey, Devon

Equality and inequality in health

Date: 11 March 2010

Venue: The King's Fund, London

Be careful what you wish for

Date: 23 March 2010

Venue: ORT House Conference Centre, London NW1

UKPHA 18th Annual Public Health Forum

Date: 24 March 2010

Venue: Bournemouth International Centre

Pandemic – Preparedness and response

Date: 25 March 2010

Venue: Central Hall in Westminster, London

Women's Health 2010: The 18th Annual Congress

Date: March 26-28, 2010

Venue: Washington, DC

Drugs & Alcohol Today

Date: 13 April 2010

Venue: Business Design Centre, London N1 0QH

Tobacco Control in Practice - a postgraduate cpd module

Date: 26 April 2010

Venue: University of Bath, Claverton Down, BA2 7AY

Dignity and choice in end of life care: the role of social workers

Date: 28 April 2010

Venue: ORT House Conference Centre, London NW1

Five Nations Health Protection Conference

Date: 18-19 May 2010

Venue: Beardmore Hotel and Conference Centre

Workshop on Lung Function Tests, Asthma and Work

Date: 21 May 2010

Venue: National Heart and Lung Institute, London SW3

Prevention and health inequalities

Date: 30 March 2010

Venue: The King's Fund, London

IEA World Congress of Epidemiology

Date: 7 August 2010

Venue: Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland

12th Annual Meeting of the SRNT Europe

Date: 6 September 2010

Venue: University of Bath, UK

can [download a PDF from www.nice.org.uk/howtguide](http://www.nice.org.uk/howtguide)

Horizons in Medicine 21

Based on the popular Advanced Medicine Conference held at the Royal College of Physicians, the Horizons in Medicine series provides physicians of all backgrounds and levels with an invaluable insight into these exciting times in the field of medicine and an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of other specialties.

[For more information please visit this website](#)

New FSID grants available for cot death research

Project grants of up to £100,000 are available for research on how to improve the effectiveness of public health messages on reducing the risk of cot death. Applications are encouraged which address the problem of communicating the messages either to parents, especially in high-risk categories, or to health professionals in direct contact with parents; or to both groups.

Short term fellowships of up to £5,000, and one Charles de Selincourt Fellowship to the value of £8,000, are also available for the training of young researchers in new techniques or in pilot projects.

Application forms and guidelines for grants can be downloaded from www.fsid.org.uk or contact Nazia Varma at research@fsid.org.uk.

Closing date for receipt of applications – 12 March 2010

NICE Citizens Council report on harm reduction in smoking published

The Citizens Council of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), which provides public input into the Institute's work, has published its report on its meeting to discuss smoking and harm reduction.

The public is now invited to comment on the Council Members' views on the strategy of harm reduction with regard to smoking. The Council voted overwhelmingly in favour of the position that harm reduction in smoking is a valid strategy.

[Public comments are invited at www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk)

NHS SDU Awareness and Advocacy Training

The NHS Sustainable Development Unit, with DH support, has developed an Awareness & Advocacy package on climate change, sustainability, health and the NHS. The SDU will be running half-day training sessions around the country for public health registrars from February until April 2010.

[More information is available from www.sdu.nhs.uk](http://www.sdu.nhs.uk)

3rd joint European Public Health Conference
Date: 10 to 13 November 2010
Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

2nd World Non-Profit and Social Marketing Conference
Date: 11-12 April 2011
Venue: Dublin, Ireland

Health and wellbeing – the 21st century agenda
Date: September 2011
Venue: London

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