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From the President

Just when all the main political parties are saying positive things about public health, along comes the looming spectre of massive cuts. Battle has commenced, and once again we're up against finance directors and the forces of hell.

How can we best defend public health in these tough times? How can we make the case for prevention and tackling the determinants of ill-health when whole services are facing slash and burn? How can we promote the Marmot agenda of fairness and justice in health and healthcare when the very pillars of the welfare state are about to be rocked on their foundations?

Simple. We just have to argue the value-for-money case. We have to talk more about investing to save, quicker returns, greater productivity and efficiency, better targeting of services, more prevention in quality healthcare, improving the evidence base, and about the asset value of informed, engaged and empowered communities. Just like that. Sorted!

I was at a national conference for PH trainees the other day, and despite the prevailing gloom and doom, they exuded so much genuine enthusiasm and loads of good ideas. One demand was for better branding of public health, so that people could see and understand who we are.

Fine – but it's even more important that they know and appreciate what we can do. And that's down to each and every one of us.

Best wishes
Alan

PS: Don't miss The Big Cuts Debate at our annual conference on 7 July.

FPH news

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The updated site is worth a visit if you need to understand the 2007 curriculum and the arrangements for ARCP (Annual Review of Competence Progression), e-Portfolios and opportunities for out of programme experience in national treasures placements in UK or abroad.

It explains the routes to the specialist registers (GMC and UKPHR) at the end of training as well as explaining the process, forms to be completed and timescales. There are contact details for TPDs and Faculty Advisers and links to PMETB and Deaneries for those who need more information.

For more information visit <http://www.fph.org.uk/training>

Revalidation and Public Health

The FPH is updating its guidance booklet 'Revalidation and Public Health'. This will be sent out to all members with the latest newsletter and will be available on the FPH website from early March.

The booklet will include the approved specialist standards, clarification of supporting information and updates on appraisal, CPD, MSF, audit and eportfolios. There is also further information on revalidating with the GMC, GDC and UKPHR registers.

GMC consultation on revalidation

On 1 March 2010 the General Medical Council (GMC) will launch a major public consultation on revalidation. This consultation will run for three months and cover the following important areas:

- How revalidation will work
- What doctors and employers will need to do
- How patients will be involved
- How and when revalidation will be introduced

Full details of the consultation, including a comprehensive set of frequently asked questions will be available from the 1 March 2010 the GMC's website <http://www.gmc-uk.org/revalidation>

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

Rise of chronic liver disease in Scotland

BBC Scotland Radio

Should GPs oversee public health?

GP Newspaper

Slimming sixties not a myth

BBC News Online

Public health events

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

Promoting Health: Transforming Lives – Transforming Communities

Date: Friday 5 March 2010

Venue: Buckfast Abbey, Devon

Marmot and the Third Sector: Addressing Health Inequalities Together

Date: Tuesday 9 March

Venue: Congress Centre, London

Equality and inequality in health: Measuring and commissioning for equity

Date: 11 March 2010

Venue: The King's Fund, London

Informed Decisions and Intelligence Investment: The future of child and maternal health services

Date: 18 March 2010

Venue: Royal York Hotel, York

Practical aspects of severe asthma now and in the future

Date: 19 April 2010

Venue: Manchester

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

Equity, sustainability and well-being: how can better health

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.

FPH Committee seeks new chair

The FPH Healthcare Public Health Committee (is currently seeking a new Chair. If you are interested, please email Hannah Pugh (hannahpugh@fph.org.uk) for the terms of reference. Please state in 500 words why you would be suitable for the role by 22 March 2010. Candidates will be informed by 16 April.

FPH Annual Conference

The Next Decade: What is the Future of Public Health?
7 July 2010, Imperial College, London

Enter the FPH poster competition

The deadline for submitting abstracts has been extended to Wednesday 31 March 2010

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, to be 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.

To submit proposals and for further information, please visit <http://www.fphconference.org> or email fphconference@fph.org.uk marking your email 'poster submission'.

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday 31 March 2010.

help Europe 2020?

Date: Wednesday 24 March
Venue: Renaissance Hotel, Brussels

Pandemic – Preparedness and response – Preparing the nation

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 2010

Date: 18-19 May
Venue: Beardmore Hotel and Conference Centre

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

Date: Thursday 20 May 2010
Venue: Postgraduate Medical Centre, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

Workshop on Lung Function Tests, Asthma and Work

Date: 21 May 2010
Venue: National Heart and Lung Institute, London SW3

Addiction

Date: 25 May 2010
Venue: The Royal Society of Medicine, London

Prevention and health inequalities : Achieving cost-effective and evidence-based solutions to impact on whole populations

Registration open

Registration for the 2010 annual conference is now open for the most important public health event of the year.

A range of speakers have already signed up including London School of Hygiene's Martin McKee, EuroHealthnet's Clive Needle and WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Cities Marcus Grant. You also won't want to miss exciting panel debate: *Unhealthy Headlines: How To Avoid The Next MMR Scare* – with *The Guardian's* Denis Campbell, Welsh CMO Tony Jewell and *The Daily Telegraph's* Mary Riddell.

With public health very much on the political agenda, the conference will be an opportunity for leaders in public health to join the conversation about the next decade's public health policy.

A limited number of early bird tickets are available to FPH members, so book early and save.

For all the latest details on the conference and to enter the poster competition visit our website <http://www.fphconference.org>.

Public health news

Marmot review of social determinants of health published

Professor Sir Michael Marmot and his team published their report on the social determinants of health at a launch event in London on February 12. "*Fair Society, Healthy Lives*" proposes new ways to improve everyone's health and reduce inequalities that it describes as 'unfair and unjust'. This is the end result of over a year's research and evidence gathering, by nine task groups.

FPH President Alan Maryon-Davis chaired the group on priority public health conditions. The full report is available to read at <http://tinyurl.com/yedh6wa>

New housing publication

The Real Cost of Poor Housing is a new publication by IHS BRE Press, written by the BRE Housing Group, David Ormandy (University of Warwick) and Peter Ambrose (University of Brighton). The relationship between poor housing and poor health has been recognised for a long time, but until recently it has not been possible to estimate the cost to society of inadequate accommodation. This report highlights weaknesses

Date: 30 March 2010
Venue: The King's Fund, London

Sandwell Health Other Economic Summit (SHOES) conference

Date: 23 June - 25 June 2010
Venue: The pUBLIC, West Bromwich

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

Date: 1 July 2010
Venue: Central London, Venue TBC

12th Annual Meeting of the SRNT Europe

Date: 6 September 2010
Venue: University of Bath, UK

Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society for Social Medicine

Date: 6 - 8 September 2010
Venue: Belfast

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

IEA World Congress of Epidemiology

Date: 7 August 2011
Venue: Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland

Health and wellbeing – the 21st century agenda

Date: September 2011
Venue: London

[For more information please visit the FPH events website](#)

FPH on Twitter

We now have over 100 followers. Join the conversation and follow our comments, thoughts and

in existing models of housing and proposes new solutions which overcome them.

It is available to buy from www.brebookshop.com

National TB awareness campaign launched

The charity 'TB Alert' has launched a new national campaign, backed by the Department of Health, to assist local NHS trusts in raising awareness of tuberculosis, particularly among those most at risk.

TB is rising - with nearly 8,000 new cases in England each year. Greater awareness of the condition can lead to earlier diagnosis and treatment helping in the battle to reverse this increase.

Campaign materials, including a DVD, have been produced for NHS staff to use. For more information visit www.thetruthabouttb.org

NHS MidLifeCheck website exceeds targets in first two weeks.

The new online service, NHS MidLifeCheck, has been visited 50,000 times since it went live on 8 February, proving the public's appetite for more guidance and support in improving their health and wellbeing.

www.nhs.uk/midlifecheck has been developed specifically to meet the needs of more socially disadvantaged people. It is free, easy to use and aims to empower people by providing information about themselves, personal risk factors and ideas on how to plan and stick to changes.

For more information about NHS MidLifeCheck please contact:
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nhslifecheck@redconsultancy.com

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