



Swine Flu

The past week's headlines across the UK and around the world have been dominated by swine 'flu (a new version of the H1N1 subtype of the influenza virus). FPH supports the Department of Health (DH) response to the potential pandemic, and in particular the initiatives around hygiene and reducing the chance of infection. These are centred around the slogan "Catch It. Bin It. Kill It." encouraging people to use tissues to catch sneezes, bin the tissue and wash their hands afterwards. [To view the television campaign click here.](#)

The DH is also distributing an information leaflet in the next week to every household, and FPH encourages members to read this leaflet thoroughly, follow its advice, and encourage friends and families to do likewise. [The leaflet can be read here.](#)

For general and specific questions about swine 'flu, please read the Q&A on the [NHS Choices website](#), or visit the [Health Protection Agency website](#) for more information.

From the President

So, it looks like the Big One may be about to hit us.

All that planning and re-planning. All those simulations and exercises. All the stockpiles, pods, delivery chains and contingency back-ups. Now, as we step into the front-line to face up to the real thing, we'll find out just how robust all the careful preparation has been.

Will we be able to get antivirals to those who need them most, when they need them most? Will helplines and practice switchboards be jammed with panic calls? Will primary care and hospitals be able to cope with a tide of people with life-threatening pneumonia? Will essential services be robust enough to keep going when large numbers of staff are off work?

At this stage nobody knows.

But what we do know is that it is in times of crisis like this that the true value of a high quality, well-trained, specialist public health workforce really counts – and is really appreciated. We are ready, willing and able to do our bit – and I'm sure those of us who find ourselves engaged in this battle will prove to be effective and competent guardians of the public's health.

Best wishes
Alan

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FPH Annual Conference 2009

The conference is fast approaching, so if you have not already secured your place, now is the time.

To book your place go to our conference website at: www.publichealthconferences.org.uk

Annual Report

The 2008 FPH Annual Report will be available on the FPH website from Monday 18 May. If you wish to receive a printed copy, please email us at comments@fph.org.uk

Have your details changed?

Please let the FPH know if you change jobs or address, so that we can keep our records up to date.

Please send an email to enquiries@fph.org.uk to update your details

FPH in the news

FPH representative sought for SAC of the Sports and Exercise Medicine Committee

The Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board (JRCTB) is seeking FPH representation on the Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Sport and Medicine Committee. The terms of reference for SAC members can be found in the [JRCTB's constitution](#) (Appendix 6, pages 21-23). If you would like to represent the FPH on the SAC please complete the [application form](#) and send to pederclark@fph.org.uk by 14 May.

FPH representative sought for RCP Working Party on Alcohol and Sexual Health of Young People

The RCP is establishing a working party report on the above topic in collaboration with the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH), and are seeking an FPH representative with experience in tackling alcohol misuse. The work will be led by Dr Simon Barton (immediate past President, BASHH), with a small working group including representatives from the College, BASHH, FPH, FSRH, academia and will include a lay representative from the College Patient & Carer Network.

[Draft terms of reference are available to download](#). RCP envisage four or five meetings. RCP and BASHH will cover travel costs. If you would like to represent the FPH on the Working Party [complete the application](#) and send to pederclark@fph.org.uk by 14 May.

FPH representatives sought for RNIB Strategic Advisory Group

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) are seeking FPH representation on a Strategic Advisory Group to support the work of their UK Vision Strategy. The group will meet approximately every quarter, supported by email communication throughout the year. The first meeting will be in London on Thursday 18 June, and travel and reasonable expenses will be paid.

If you are interested in the role, please consult the [terms of reference](#) before sending a completed [application form](#) to pederclark@fph.org.uk

Good Public Health Practice

A new working draft of Good Public Health Practice (GPHP) has been launched and can be [downloaded from the FPH website](#). This document should now be used in place of the 2002 version. Please note that this is a working draft and may be reviewed in the coming months. If you have any questions or comments on the GPHP guide, please email enquiries@fph.org.uk

Revalidation discussion group

A new network group has been set up to facilitate members' discussions on revalidation. Ask questions,

Dr Hodge takes over from the RSPH inaugural chair Professor Alan Maryon-Davis
Medical News Today

Climate change is the greatest risk to health
Irish Times

NHS Trust leads the way in 'best practice'
Bradford Telegraph & Argus

Food outlets to add calorie counts to their menus
BBC News Online
Marie Claire Online

Unhappy children end up unwell
Health News Blog

Medics back cheap booze clampdown
BBC News Online

1970s Lifestyle Protects the Planet
The Times
BBC News Online
Euronews
Presstext (Austria)

Anti-obesity pill to be sold over the counter
BBC News Six O'Clock
BBC Radio Five Live
BBC Three Counties Radio

Rise in prescription drugs
BBC Radio London

Are health trainers effective in improving health inequalities?
HSJ

Swine Flu Outbreak
BBC News 24
LBC
Time Magazine
BBC Scotland
BBC News Online

Recent consultation responses

[Draft GMC Licence to Practise Regulations](#)

[FSA framework for consultation on front-of-pack \(FOP\) nutritional labelling](#)

Public health events

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

Occupational asthma workshop
12 May
London

The Prince's Foundation for

contribute to FPH policy and decision making or share your views.

[Get involved by joining the network group today!](#)

CPD return update

Many thanks to the 95% of members who submitted their CPD returns or applications for exemption by the deadline. To date 96.6% of members have made their return, which is a great testimony to the increasing importance of CPD to the membership. The few members who have not made a return or applied for exemption will be declared as 'not in good standing' at the next Board meeting on 6 May 2009.

Preventive Health 09 – Exclusive Invitation

Date: Thursday 25 June, 2009

Venue: QEII Conference Centre, London

Chaired by Professor Alan Maryon-Davis, FPH President, Preventive Health 09 will give delegates a chance to discuss in detail the key issues in relation to the prevention of serious illnesses, as well as the increased role of local care practitioners in the early diagnosis and treatment of illnesses.

As a member of FPH, we are delighted to announce that you can attend Preventive Health 2009 for the exclusive delegate rate of £125 + VAT (standard rate £249 + VAT). Please quote the reference 'FPH' at the time of booking to secure your 50% discount. This offer expires at the end of May.

[For more information please visit
www.govnet.co.uk/preventive](http://www.govnet.co.uk/preventive)

Public health news

Memorial service

A Service to celebrate the life of Dr Spence Galbraith CBE MB DPH FRCP FFPHM will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8AU on Wednesday 20 May 20 2009, 11.30 for 12 noon.

Dr Galbraith was first Director of the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre from 1977 to 1988 & member of the FPH Board. His family wish to invite fellows & members, especially those who knew him, to join them for the service.

For those who wish to attend, please inform Spence's daughter by email at helen@hiscockgallery.co.uk

Assessors recruitment

The UK Public Health Register is looking to expand its team of assessors, from both medical backgrounds and from disciplines other than medicine, to assist with its

Integrated Health - Annual

Conference

13-14 May
London

Developing practical ideas and partnerships

14 May,
Leeds

Symposium on Obesity, Diabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome

21 May
Plymouth

Workshop on lung function tests, asthma and work

5 June
London

Social Marketing Summer Schools programme for

8 - 12 June
Bled, Slovenia

Infectious Diseases Today - More questions than answers?

12 June
Edinburgh

How to Practice Evidence-Based Health Care

18 & 19 June
Edinburgh

UK national smoking cessation conference

22 - 23 June
London

Rationing, Charity and Private Support - how much longer can the UK afford the NHS?

22 June
Edinburgh

National Commissioning Conference

22 & 23 June
Birmingham

Preventive Health 09

25 June
London

"Healthy Communities" Conference

1 July
Cardiff

Training in Health Impact Assessment (HIA) 1 day Introductory course

9 July
Birmingham

Global health research summer school

13 July
Oxford

The IVth biennial international sex and relationships education conference

7-9 September
Birmingham

Health Protection conference

14-16 September
Warwick

Training in Health Impact Assessment (HIA) 3 day course

varied workload during the coming year. Assessment of applicants' portfolios is the key part of the regulatory process, is interesting and rewarding, and furthers multi-disciplinary public health.

Candidates should have appropriate qualifications and extensive experience of public health at a senior level in service, managerial or academic areas. For those who are members or fellows of FPH, experience of examining candidates for the FPH part B exam, and/or experience as an educational supervisor/trainer for trainees on regional training programmes are desirable. Professional recognition with an appropriate professional regulatory body at a national level is a requirement.

For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/cnm8u8> or contact register@cieh.org

Milroy Lecture on state medicine and public health

The Royal College of Physicians of London is inviting applications to deliver the Milroy Lecture for 2011. The lecturer is appointed by The RCP Council and the subject should be of relevance to state medicine and public hygiene, although the interpretation of this can be broad.

Applications should include a brief CV and a short paragraph of no more than 400 words on the subject selected. The closing date for applications is 1 September 2009

Applications should be submitted to:
Academic Registrar, Royal College of Physicians,
11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

BUPA Foundation Awards 2009 - Call for entries.

The annual Bupa Foundation Awards, now in their 30th year, are made to healthcare and medical professionals in recognition of excellence in healthcare. Current award categories are:

- Care Award – for excellence in the development of care for older people;
- Research Award – for the best emerging medical researcher in the UK;
- Epidemiology Award – for excellence in the epidemiological study of human disease;
- Clinical Excellence Award – for work that demonstrates an improved clinical outcome for patients;
- Health at Work Award - for excellence in occupational medicine;
- Communication Award – for effective communication between health care professionals and patients;
- Patient Safety Award – for outstanding contribution to patient safety.

Awards are £15,000 each, divided into two parts: £5,000 will be paid direct to the individual or team members and £10,000 will be for use to further the award winners' research. Applications are open to healthcare professionals who are resident and working in the UK.

Closing date for entry is 1 July 2009

29 September to 1 October
Powys

Introductory Medical Statistics Course

8 - 9 October
London

Annual international Health Impact Assessment conference

14-16 October
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Faculty of Public Health - Scottish Annual Conference

12 - 13 November
Peebles, Scotland

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

Multi-site clinical audit funding announced

As part of a wider drive to support clinician engagement in audit, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) has announced a new fund to support the development of multi-site clinical audits.

Around the country there are groups of clinicians with interests in specific conditions or less common treatments, or clusters of hospitals that share a common concern.

HQIP's new fund will support these groups as they build up clinical audits to assess compliance with guidelines or emerging best practice.

For more information visit www.hqip.org.uk

FPH Events

Faculty of Public Health - Scottish Annual Conference

Date: 12 - 13 November 2009

Venue: Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles, Scotland.

This year's Annual Scottish Conference is being organised by the Faculty of Public Health in conjunction with the East of Scotland NHS Boards (NHS Borders, NHS Fife, NHS Lothian and NHS Tayside)

This year's conference will be of interest to those involved in public health work both at practitioner and specialist level and in all three domains of – health protection, health care and health promotion. This year the conference will focus on Public Health in a Change of Age, recognising the importance of us living in a world of unprecedented change like nothing we have known before.

For more information on submitting abstracts please [follow this link](#)

The Big Food Debate II – A Fundamental Rethink on Public Health Nutrition in the 21st Century

Date: Tuesday 20 October 2009

Venue: Crowne Plaza Liverpool

This one day conference will address big, global challenges - and offer solutions - to tackling diet related disease. It will debate the implications of current food policy on the health of communities and challenge those working in the food industry, government, public health and the media to commit to bringing about positive change. It will review solutions for a stable healthy food supply and examine the health & ecological impact of food recommendations.

For further information, and to register your interest in this event contact Events Northern on 01772 336 639

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