



Faculty of Public Health

of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom

Working to improve the public's health

Policy, Advocacy and Communications Committee

Terms of Reference

Name:	Policy, Advocacy and Communications Committee
Function:	Advise the President and FPH Board on matters relating to public health policy and advocacy

Committee aims and objectives

1. To support the FPH Board in setting strategic direction on matters relating to public health policy and advocacy.
2. Through its sub-committees, and with the support of the Policy, Advocacy and Communications Department, to propose priorities and develop a programme of work relating to public health policy and advocacy to be agreed by the Board.
3. To oversee and assure delivery of the agreed work programme.
4. To act as a decision-making body to sign off a range of activities to ensure clear lines of accountability as required by the FPH's risk management policy. (e.g. consultation responses, selection of FPH representatives on external bodies, statements and publications, endorsement of other organisation's publications and events).
5. To act, on behalf of FPH, as a point of contact and liaison with other UK bodies with an interest in public health.
6. To advocate on public health issues on behalf of FPH through responding to consultations and developing policies.
7. To respond to media enquiries on public health issues, including through providing media spokespeople and media statements.

Governance

The Policy, Advocacy and Communications Committee supports the FPH Board through the Executive Committee in setting the strategic direction on matters relating to public health policy as well as act as a decision making body for the policy and communications function of FPH). The PA&CC is normally chaired by the President who is the designated lead officer for the policy, advocacy and communications function of FPH.

PA&CC meets quarterly – alternating face-to-face meetings and teleconferences.

Working Groups reporting to this committee:

No working groups as such – but four (sub)committees currently report to PACC:

- Cardiovascular Health Committee (CVHC)
- Mental Health Committee (MHC)
- Health Protection Committee (HPC)
- Healthcare Public Health Committee (HCPHC)

Committee membership

Committee membership shall consist of:

- Chairs of committees that report through the Policy, Advocacy and Communications Committee

and representatives of:

- International Committee
- Trainee Members Committee
- Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- General membership (two members reflecting current gaps in expertise)

The committee will be chaired by an officer of the Faculty, normally the President or a Vice President.

Terms of office

The committee chair will normally serve for three years, or in line with their appointment as an FPH officer. This provides time for succession planning and continuity during any changeover in membership. Members will serve for terms in accordance with their relevant committee appointment. General members will serve for three years.

Committee structure

The committee will be composed of the following:

- Chair (FPH President or a Vice President)
- Cardiovascular Health Committee Chair
- Healthcare Public Health Committee Chair
- Health Protection Committee Chair
- Mental Health Committee Chair
- Northern Ireland representative
- Scotland representative
- Wales representative
- International Committee representative
- Trainee Members representative
- 2 general members (appointed from the general membership)