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FPH Sustainable Development Special Interest Group

Notes of meeting 22nd July 2019 (Teleconference)

Present

Chair	Jeremy Wight (JW): Email: jeremywight73@gmail.com
Vice chair	Helen Ross (HR): Email: hcross2@myphone.coop
FPH Board lead	Sue Atkinson (SA)
Public Health England	Mike Gent - Leeds
Wales representative	Catherine Floyd
Scotland representative	Phil Mackie
Resources lead	Jenny Griffiths
SD Registrars network	Anna Brook, Ruth Speare
Housing lead	Ruth Gelletlie
Apologies received:	Amanda Donnelly, Rebecca Campbell, Bharat Pankhania, Dawn Jenkin, Emily Stevenson, Lucy Gavens, Campbell, May Van Schalkwyk, Alice Munro, Yannish Naik, Paul Southon

No	Agenda Items	Decisions / Actions	Action
1	Welcome & Introductions - Apologies:	JW welcomed Ruth Gelletlie and Catherine Floyd to their first meetings.	
2	Notes of the meeting held 29 April 2019	Agreed	
3	Matters arising not on the agenda	RS asked if there had been any progress with regard to FPH adopting a position with regard to INEOS' sponsorship of the 'Daily Mile'. JW reported that he had written to John Middleton, when still PFPH, who had been supportive, but that it was now with Maggie Rae, as new President. JW to follow up.	JW
4	Workplan update	See updated workplan	All
5	Election of new chair for SIG	JW was thanked for his excellent work as SIG chair. He has done a fantastic job – particularly the development of the 11 sections in the workplan which have been very constructive.	JW

		JG will mailout to SIG – invite expressions of interest by end of August. If there are more than one, then an election will be held in September. HR reminded the meeting that to be eligible, applicants need to be members or fellows of the FPH.	
6	Communications	John M had asked if there is a carbon calculator for impact of attending conferences – hosting & attending. HR suggested that the SDU may be able to help. PM suggested that a metric that FPH use would be good – for promoting discussion. HR – the costs and benefits need to be measured of virtual and actual participation. Air travel is a huge issue.	JW to follow up with SDU
7	Updates:		
	Scotland Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8274	Scottish Govt adopted net zero by 2035 (c/f to UK Govt target of 2050). Public Health are at the centre of delivery for a sustainability strategy for Scotland. Negotiating over Climate Change plan – co-benefits. Sustainability is part of agenda for the emerging PH Scotland. Made progress on the policy side. The withdrawal of the UK from the European Union poses significant challenges to the existing devolution settlements in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Several key pieces of legislation, deemed necessary by the UK Government to deliver its policy of withdrawing the UK from the EU, have significant implications for the powers of the devolved legislatures and executive bodies.	
	Sustainable Development Unit	Working on metrics for sustainability into action plans for NHS Plan and zero carbon NHS.	
	PHE	NHS Long Term Plan mentioned sustainability. Implementation plan and framework – sustainable development – focus is on Water, Waste, Plastic and CO2. PHE is getting to grips with new structures. Action – send organogram of structure to HR Regional DsPH are in post – the role is an add on to jobs. Not full time appointments. Will put on a sustainability day across the north of England. Newcastle Health Trust declared a climate emergency.	Mike Gent
	UK Health Alliance on Climate Change – incl registrar placements	A strategy development workshop is being held today, but unfortunately without FPH input. JW continues to convene liaison group with SDU, Medact, CSH. UKHACC looking for SpRs to support two research projects: one into impact of extreme weather events on different medical specialities, the other into different ways of communicating issues relating to climate change and health to different professionals and the public.	
	Specialist Registrar's	Key issues covered: -	

	Sustainable Development Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y&H ‘sustainability day’, induction, systems leadership event • Alice Munroe – simulation session. • Twitter account • Network themes – divestment. • Trade health and sustainability – Green Trade • Sustainable Transport 	
8	Any other business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arran – HIA of proposal for a new salmon farm being considered. Information requested particularly from Scottish HIA toolkit developed in Scotland. 2. Chris Newman, GP in London, lead / coordinator of ‘Doctors for XR’ is developing a crowd sourced book about climate change and the threat to health. The resources developed by this SIG may be of help. Timescale – written by December. Purpose – to produce a readable book for open publication. 	JW, RG to support.
9	Next meetings: 2019 – (all at 2pm, venues tbc)	Oct 21 st .	All