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Group on Pakistan

## Summary

Zafar qualified from Imperial College London ( St Marys Hospital Medical School ). He originally trained as a General Practitioner and has almost a decade of director level experience as a Director of Public Health or a Medical Director. His interests include Non Communicable Diseases, prevention of cardiovascular disease, primary care and public health, health service resource utilisation, prioritisation of health service and health service planning. He is currently an Associate Medical Director Public health in one of the largest Community Trusts in England. Zafar has spoken at many national events on topics such as primary care, obesity, lifestyle services and National Health Service Health Checks. He is a Visiting professor at Staffordshire University.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Chair of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- The Registrar for the UK Public Health Register
- Previous board member of the Faculty of Public Health and held the Assistant Registrar position
- National Expert Scientific and Clinical Advisory Committee for National Health Service Health Checks
- Member of an External Advisory Group for a Minorities Health Disparities Research Unit at The University of Alabama Birmingham USA

## Research or training interests

Zafar is a founding board member of an academic unit established in 2015 to established to reduce health inequalities through translational research. <http://www.chadresearch.co.uk/>

He has published several books on cardiovascular disease prevention and research papers following a RCT. Recently he has published a chapter in a book on spatial planning and health.

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## Mamoonah Tahir

MBBS, MPH, FFPH

Consultant in  
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Disease Control,  
Public Health  
England

## Summary

Dr Mamoonah Tahir has 34 years of medical and public health experience in Pakistan and the UK. She is currently working in Public Health England as a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control in West Midlands.

She has a track record of leading the Blood Borne Virus programme and is currently leading the Hepatitis C elimination programme in the West Midlands. She has previously led on Pandemic influenza / Avian planning, disaster/emergency planning and management. She has successfully led the response to high profile outbreaks of MERS Corona virus, tuberculosis, gastrointestinal disease outbreaks, and HIV outbreaks.

She has more recently worked in Pakistan as a UK Senior Health Advisor to Pakistan on development of Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response System with the Punjab Government.

Mamoonah is module leader for the Health Protection module on Masters in Public Health (MPH) at Warwick University and teaches the MPH at The Birmingham University since 2005. She is the UK Faculty Advisor in West Midlands and Examiner for the Part A, MPFH exam

She has trained over seventy Public Health registrars, GP trainees, Foundation doctors, environmental health officers and other.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Chair of UK Pakistan Public Health Group
- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Honorary Senior Lecturer Warwick University
- Faculty Advisor West Midlands (Faculty of Public Health UK)
- Faculty Assessor
- Examiner for UK Membership of Faculty of Public Health Exam
- GMC appraiser and Educational Supervisor

## Research or training interests

Health systems, surveillance, communicable disease control, viral hepatitis, and infection control

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## Samia Latif

MBBS, MPH, FFPH

Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, Public Health England

## Summary

Dr Samia Latif trained in Public Health in the UK and has experience in health protection, health improvement and healthcare public health.

She is currently a Consultant of Communicable Disease Control at Public Health England in the East Midlands. As a consultant she is the patch lead for Northamptonshire. She is the Associated Caldicott Guardian for the region. She has successfully led the response to many outbreaks including tuberculosis, iGAS, hepatitis B. She has been involved in the response to various local, regional and national outbreaks including the current COVID-19 pandemic, both the swine flu pandemic and Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Her areas of interest are health protection, in particular, communicable diseases and global public health, public mental health, health improvement and reducing health inequalities.

She has been invited to and spoken at various regional, national and international public health conferences on topics as varied as Outbreak management, Public Health leadership and Public Mental Health.

## Professional memberships and activities

Samia is the Assistant Academic Registrar for the UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH), a member of the UK FPH's Global Health Committee and a member of the Faculty's Special Interest Groups on Pakistan.

Samia is also currently the Chair of Public Health England's BAME staff network.

Samia is one of the founding members of Women in Global Health Pakistan Chapter.

She sits on the East Midland's NHSE Clinical Senate Assembly and has been involved in regional reviews of healthcare services.

Her skills include public health expertise, surveillance and risk assessment, evidence based decision making, collaborative working and leadership skills.

Samia is a GMC appraiser, an educational supervisor and an accredited mentor in healthcare.

## Research or training interests

- Health protection
- Global public health
- Global mental health
- Leadership development
- Cultural intelligence

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## Muhammad Abid

MBBS MCPS DTCD  
FFPHM

Consultant in Public  
Health/Health  
Protection

## Summary

Abid is a senior and experienced public health professional who completed his medical degree from the KE Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan. After working in different medical specialties, he was trained in Public Health Medicine, in the West Midlands Regional Training Scheme and has worked in Berkshire with many organisations in the UK including Public Health England. He is an accredited trainer and has supervised many Public Health Specialist trainees over the years in the Thames Valley, UK. He is also a trained mentor and has mentored many trainees. He has acted as Regional CPD Adviser in the Thames Valley and now is International CPD Adviser for the Faculty of Public Health.

Since August 2017, he is working as a Faculty Professor in Public Health, College of Medicine & Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, UAE. He teaches undergraduate and postgraduates students (MPH and PhD) and is the Course Coordinator for the MPH and PhD program. He is currently one of the expert members for the COVID-19 taskforce in the University.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- FPH International CPD Adviser
- Assessor for the Faculty of Public Health
- Advisory Appointment Committees for consultant and Director of Public Health appointments
- Visiting Professor at the University of Health Sciences in Lahore, Pakistan

## Research or training interests

He has extensive experience in Public Health, especially in Health Protection and has a strong commitment to public health principles focusing on prevention, health improvement, advocacy and training. In Health Protection, his special interests include surveillance, tuberculosis and blood-borne viruses, especially Hepatitis C. He has an experience of dealing with major outbreaks in the UK which includes, SARS, Swine Flu, MERS-CoV and Zika. Since 2011, he has been leading an initiative to increase Hepatitis C awareness in Pakistan. He was also Regional Tuberculosis Lead for the Thames Valley and South East Region.

He is very keen in developing capacity building and workforce development for the Public Health Specialists in Pakistan and other developing countries. In 2015, he prepared a report for the Department of Health in Punjab, Pakistan on the scoping of curriculum development and workforce development in that province. He is working very closely with King Edward Medical University Lahore to strengthen the academic and research facilities. Abid has a special passion for teaching, training, research, Academic and Global Health.

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## Naveed Syed

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FFPH, PG Cert,  
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Senior Advisor  
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Health)

Consultant in  
Communicable  
Disease Control,  
Public Health  
England

## Summary

Dr Naveed Syed has over twenty-two years' experience in public health experience in Pakistan and the UK after qualifying from Manchester has been working in Public Health England as a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control in West Midlands, before being seconded to work as First Secretary Health at the British High Commission (Islamabad) to work on the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response System (IDSR) with the Pakistan Federal Ministry of Health and National Institute of Health. Naveed has experience in health protection, health improvement and healthcare public health and his previous experience includes leading on Tuberculosis control, and managing disease outbreaks and environmental hazards. He also extensive experience in Pandemic influenza / Avian planning, disaster/emergency planning and management. He has been leading on Surveillance systems and HPZone for the West Midlands prior to working in Pakistan.

Naveed's other areas of specialism are medical education and training and has been module leader for the Health Protection module on the Masters in Public Health (MPH) at Birmingham University and previously Wolverhampton University. He has worked as a Training Programme Director for Public Health trainees and their training Quality Assurance lead. Naveed was also HPA and PHE Health Protection Training Lead in the West Midlands and part of the National Workforce Development Team. He is currently the Faculty of Public Health UK Deputy Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Director. His other specialist roles included Associated Caldicott Guardian, Audit lead, Quality Improvement Focal Point and staff engagement agent for PHE.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the UK Pakistan Public Health Group & the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Faculty CPD Advisor & Deputy CPD Director (Faculty of Public Health UK)
- GMC appraiser and Educational Supervisor
- Honorary Senior Lecturer at Birmingham University
- Member of Public Health England's BAME staff network and the UK Civil Service Muslim Network
- A PHE accredited mentor in healthcare

## Research or training interests

Health protection, Global public health, Communicable Disease control, Tuberculosis control, Workforce and Leadership development, Surveillance, teaching / training and medical education, and Mentoring.

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## Abdul Razaq

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Former Director of  
Public Health

Independent  
Consultant in Public  
Health

## Summary

Abdul Razaq has twenty five years of senior UK Public Health experience in healthcare management, health policy, health strategy development and local government service experience at local, regional and national levels. He has held senior positions as Director of Public Health (DPH) & Protection at Suffolk County Council and formerly Director at Trafford since 2003 with ten years Executive level National Health Service (NHS) Board experience. He has also been the designated Director of Infection, Prevention & Control working with NHS Trusts on healthcare associated infections and outbreaks.

Abdul Razaq is highly experienced in leading in pandemic and outbreak situations such as in 2009 where he have co-led the H1N1 swine flu pandemic response across a 2.5 million population in Greater Manchester, is UK media trained and regularly speaks at national and regional conferences and events.

He has a track record of working across the UK and Pakistan health ecosystems working on Public Health capacity building and strengthening health systems. He has been a member of the national Public Health England (PHE) Global Health Committee.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- North to North (N2N) Health Partnership – UK, Pakistan health systems
- UK Public Health Register FRO230
- Local Government Association (LGA) Lead peer reviewer
- Visiting Fellow at the University of Health Sciences, University of Suffolk
- Sight for Life – Special Advisor - <https://sightforlife.org.uk/>

## Research or training interests

- Global health
- Social determinants of health (SDOH)
- Commercial determinants of health
- Health protection
- Health inequalities and health improvement

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## Mahmood Adil

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DipHInformatics,  
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Medical Director  
Public Health  
Scotland

## Summary

Mahmood has 25 years of medical, public health and executive management experience in the NHS and USA. He is currently medical director of Public Health Scotland (PHS) and responsible for the delivery of all public health services including health protection functions in Scotland. PHS is co-ordinating and leading the COVID-19 response in Scotland and he is playing his professional leadership role accordingly.

Demonstrable track record of national and international achievements. Prior to joining Scotland, he held the post of National Quality and Efficiency Advisor at the Department of Health (England) with a remit to improve patient outcomes and innovate services in all the 244 NHS hospitals in England, World Bank advisor to Turkey, Honorary Professor at Glasgow & Strathclyde Universities and post graduate examiner for the Royal Colleges and also been a Visiting Faculty for one-year at the Yale School of Public Health (USA).

## Professional memberships and activities

- Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health (UK)
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)
- Alumnus, Harvard Kennedy School
- Alumnus, UK Prime Minister's Top Management Programme
- Alumnus, Yale University
- Institute of Directors (UK)
- Institute of Healthcare Improvement (USA)

## Research or training interests

- Health intelligence & data
- Healthcare quality and governance
- Public health infrastructure, capacity and capability
- Leadership competencies and skills
- Comparative healthcare systems analysis

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## Paul Johnstone

BM DCH DTHM  
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Regional Director  
North of England,  
Public Health Eng-  
land

## Summary

Professor Paul Johnstone is the Regional Director (North) and an executive director for Public Health England. Previously he was Director of Public Health for NHS North of England (2011-13) and Regional Director of Public Health for Yorkshire & the Humber - setting up its first regional team in 2002-11. Paul has worked as a hospital doctor, GP and executive director. In the 1990s he entered public health in Oxford, worked for the Cochrane Collaboration then Oxford University as honorary senior lecturer. His research interests are in health inequalities, evidence based healthcare, devolution, primary healthcare and global health.

Paul has also worked internationally initially with refugees in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sudan, then for DFID and a health adviser in the West Indies. Recently he led PHE's reconstruction project for Sierra Leone post Ebola and is a senior technical adviser to WHO. He lives in North Yorkshire with his family.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Co-chair of North2 North Health Partnership; a charity which promotes learning and sharing between health services in Northern Pakistan and Northern UK.
- Fellow of Faculty of Public Health
- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Visiting Professor at Leeds Beckett University
- Executive lead for PHE Sierra Leone

## Research or training interests

Training: Health and public health systems management and leadership

Research: Cochrane reviews, evidence based healthcare, primary healthcare, health inequalities and global health.

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## Neil Squires

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FFPH

International Registrar and Chair of Global Health Committee, Faculty of Public Health.

Director of Global Public Health, Public Health England

## Summary

Professor Neil Squires is Director of Global Public Health at Public Health England and was previously Head of Professional for Health at the UK Department for International Development. He has spent many years working internationally, including supporting the development of PHE's relationship with the Government of Pakistan to strengthen compliance with the International Health Regulations.

Neil has been a District Medical Officer in Malawi, worked as a Regional Adviser for DFID covering Nigeria, Ghana and Sierra Leone, and has lived in Bangladesh and Mozambique. He worked with the European Commission in Brussels developing the EU strategy on global human resources for health and was a Board Member of the Global Health Workforce Alliance and co-chair of a WHO working group supporting the development of the Global Human Resources for Health Strategy.

## Professional memberships and activities

Neil is currently on the Board of the Faculty of Public Health where he holds the position of International Registrar. He is also the Chair of the FPH Global Health Committee and has been the chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Global Health Group. He is a member of Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group.

## Research or training interests

Neil is currently working with NICE International to undertake a Health Technology Assessment of Cuba's medical education model and its utility in South Africa. He has been a Cochrane Systematic Reviewer and has published in the Bulletin of WHO on the cost effectiveness of Community Health Workers.

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## Anjum Memon

MBBS, DPhil [Oxon],  
FFPH

Chair in Epidemiology and Public Health  
Medicine

## Summary

Professor Anjum Memon is a medically qualified epidemiologist and public health academic. He trained in epidemiology at the University of Oxford under the supervision of Sir Richard Doll FRS – the eminent epidemiologist who discovered the main hazards of smoking. Anjum joined BSMS in 2005, having previously worked at the Universities of Oxford, Kuwait and Cambridge. He is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and an Honorary Consultant in Public Health Medicine.

## Professional memberships and activities

Along with teaching, research and public health service work, Anjum contributes to capacity building, training and quality assurance activities in public health. These roles include:

- Faculty Assessor for appointments of consultants
- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Part A MFPH Examiner
- Public Health England Appraiser for consultants and GMC revalidation
- Academic Supervisor for public health trainees and junior doctors
- External Examiner at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge
- Chair of the Organising Committee for the 57th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society for Social Medicine
- Member of the International Scientific Committee, European Public Health Association

## Research or training interests

Epidemiology underpins public health and clinical medicine – it provides evidence to protect, restore and promote health, and to tackle major chronic diseases and public health issues. Anjum has an extensive portfolio of research and scholarship in epidemiology of chronic diseases (e.g, cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular/gastrointestinal diseases) and public health issues in the population (e.g, cancer awareness, smoking cessation, drug and alcohol use, community mental health and wellbeing, and suicide prevention).

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## Musarrat Afza

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municable Disease  
Control

### Summary

Musarrat qualified from Dow Medical College, Karachi. She trained as a physician with interest in Diabetes & Endocrinology in Glasgow, UK. She has held Consultant Physician posts in Islamabad and UK and for the past 10 years a Consultant in Public Health post with Public Health England (and Health Protection Agency-its predecessor organisation).

Her special interest areas include immunisation and vaccine preventable disease, health care associated infections and antimicrobial resistance, development of public health teaching in undergraduate medical curricula and clinical specialties and co-ordinating and delivering quality assured training of specialists in public health.

### Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Fellow of the UK Faculty of Public Health
- Founding member of the UK Pakistan Public Health Group
- Clinical Lecturer in Academic Public Health in Keele University
- Honorary Fellow of Staffordshire University UK
- Visiting Faculty of Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi Pakistan

### Research or training interests

Musarrat is training lead for Specialist Public Health training in Health Protection, Deputy Faculty of Public Health Advisor for training in West Midlands and Director of Training for Courses and Public Health in clinical specialties.

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## Sabina Aziz

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College

## Summary

Sabina qualified from Khyber Medical College in Peshawar, Pakistan. She started her Public Health Career as a trainee and initially taught and trained undergraduate medical students in public health and then moved on to work in public health programs in Peshawar, Pakistan. She completed her Master's Degree in Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Birmingham, UK and on her return she taught and trained both undergraduate and postgraduate trainees in basic and clinical epidemiology, biostatistics and research skills. Sabina later completed her first Fellowship in public health/community medicine in Pakistan and attained her second Fellowship from the Faculty of Public Health, UK. Sabina has worked in academic public health and as a Public Health Practitioner in various public health programmes in Pakistan and as a Consultant in Public Health in the UK. Currently she is the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education at the Khyber Girls Medical College and also the Head of Department of Public Health and Community Medicine. Sabina is currently further developing her skills in pedagogy to enhance teaching and training in public health and has enrolled in a two year degree program in medical education and also qualified to become an online distant learning tutor in public health for the University of Roehampton and continuously participates in Faculty Development programs.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest group
- Member of the Public Health Association, Peshawar, Pakistan
- Member of the standing committee for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Women's commission
- Chair and member of various academic and non-academic committees.

## Research or training interests

- Disparities in health and the public health implications
- Gender based violence and public health implications
- Healthy workforce; Strategies to promote and retain women medics in the workforce in gender biased environments
- Development of curriculum and teaching and training strategies for undergraduate and postgraduate students in Public health and re- search

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## Irfan Ghani

MBBS, MSc, PGCert

Consultant in Public  
Health Medicine

## Summary

Dr Irfan Ghani qualified as a doctor from Pakistan in 2003. After completing his Masters in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, he joined the West Midlands Public Health Specialist Training Programme and became a consultant in public health medicine in 2013. Irfan is an experienced Public Health consultant with a proven track record of working successfully in senior level leadership roles in public sector (Local Government and NHS) and training organisations. Irfan has demonstrable skills in strategic leadership, multi-agency partnership working, policy development and strategy implementation, commissioning, health improvement, responding to health protection and emergency incidents, education, training, assessments and quality assurance.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest group
- Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health (UK)
- General Medicine Council

## Research or training interests

- Medical education
- Workforce development
- Mentoring /coaching

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## Mohammed Jawad

MBBS, BSc (hons), MSc

Specialty Registrar in  
Public Health Medi-  
cine

## Summary

Dr Mohammed Jawad is a PhD candidate at the Public Health Policy and Evaluation Unit, Imperial College London, studying the impact of armed conflict on non-communicable disease risk and management among Palestine refugees in the Middle East.

Dr Jawad graduated with a medical degree from Imperial College London and holds a BSc in Management and Health Sciences from Imperial College Business School. He is an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow and Specialty Registrar in Public Health Medicine. He also has a Masters in Public Health and is a Member of the Faculty of Public Health (MFPH).

Dr Jawad has published over 70 academic papers, mainly in tobacco control, and is interested in the epidemiology of tobacco use and interventions to promote its cessation. His doctoral thesis is leading him towards a research focus on refugee health in Middle East in collaboration with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

His doctoral studies are supported by the Medical Research Council.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health (UK)
- Secretary of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Executive Committee of the Faculty of Public Health Global Violence Prevention Special Interest Group
- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Yemen Special Interest Group
- Editorial Board Member for BMC Public Health and Scientific Reports

## Research or training interests

- Non-communicable diseases, in particular tobacco control
- Refugee health
- Armed conflict and the political determinants of health

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**Jo Robins**

BSc, MSc, FFPH

Consultant in Public  
Health

## Summary

Jo is an Independent Consultant in Public Health with 20 years experience of working in the NHS.

She has held Public Health Consultant roles in urban and rural areas with responsibilities for Health & Wellbeing Strategy, Children's Lead, Business Planning, JSNA, and Health Improvement. In 2015/2016 she was Programme Director for Transformation across NHS and council. She has been involved in the re-design of an NHS provider Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) resulting in significant improvement and development of a five year strategy/action plan. She is trained in and delivers evidence based quality improvement tools to multi-disciplinary NHS teams.

Jo is currently leading social prescribing programme in Shropshire working across the NHS, council and third sector. She is also a trainer with the European wide network Eurohealth net.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest group
- Fellow of the Faculty Public Health
- Peer Reviewer for LGID – Children's Safeguarding
- Faculty Member, Sustainable Improvement Team, NHS England
- Director – Parents1st

## Research or training interests

- Children's health (mental health and school based interventions)
- Delivering training to NHS multi-disciplinary teams using quality improvement tools

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**Sally  
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## Summary

Sally worked as a medical doctor in the UK before specialty training in public health. She has conducted public health work in local government, Public Health England (in Health Protection Teams in London and Liverpool and the National Infection Service) and Medecins Sans Frontieres. She has conducted research on the experiences of health workers in Jordan and spend decision-making in local authority public health teams. She has taught medical and MSc students on a range of public health topics including the social determinants of health, screening, and climate change. She has been an admissions interviewer and clinical examiner for two UK medical schools.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health (MFPH) Member of FPH's
- Health Protection and Pakistan SIGs

## Research or training interests

- International public health
- Health protection, particularly communicable disease control
- Education

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## Dr. Muhammad Usman Khan

MBBS, MPH, MBA, MFPH

Consultant in Public  
Health, London  
Borough of Barking  
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## Summary

Usman Khan has more than 25 years of experience working in Pakistan and UK as a Public Health Specialist and is currently working as a consultant in public health in Local Government. Usman qualified as a medical doctor from Khyber Medical College, Pakistan and proceeded to Italy to pursue his master's in International Healthcare Management, Economics and Policy. Since 2004, Usman has worked in the UK as a Public Health professional in various NHS and Local Government organisations. His interests include Non- Communicable Diseases, prevention of Long-term conditions and pathway redesign, primary care and public health, health service policy, Public Health leadership, evidence-based practice and resource allocation, prioritisation of health service and health service planning. Usman is also a Public Health tutor at the University of South Wales and also has an MBA from University of Leicester.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Member of Faculty of Public Health
- Public Health Tutor at the University of South Wales, UK
- United Kingdom Public Health Register
- UKPHR Specialist Portfolio Assessor
- Fellow of Royal Society of Public Health
- Member of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council
- Member of Evidence-Based Healthcare Group, Centre of Evidence-based Practice, University of Oxford

## Research or training interests

- Global Public Health
- Public Health Leadership
- Wider determinants of Health
- Evidence-based Practice
- Long-term condition pathways redesign

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## Zia Ul Haq

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Pioneer Professor &  
Dean Faculty of  
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Sciences/ Pro- Vice  
Chancellor Khyber  
Medical University,  
Peshawar, Pakistan

## Summary

Prof Zia Ul Haq became the youngest ever & pioneer Professor of Public Health, and currently working as Dean of Public Health & Social Sciences and the Pro-Vice Chancellor of a public Sector Khyber Medical University (KMU), Pakistan. Zia possess the qualification of MBBS and MPH from Pakistan, PhD in Public Health from Glasgow UK and Post-Doc from Keele UK. In February, 2020 he has been awarded Fellowship by distinction from The Faculty of Public Health, UK. He has 15 years of teaching, research, administrative and field experience in Public Health. From 2006-2010, he worked as a field Public Health Officer in the Department of Health, WHO and FELTP-CDC. During this period he played an important role in the implementation of Disease Early Warning System and covered several outbreaks.

He then joined KMU as a pioneer faculty member and established the first-ever Institute of Public Health. Zia was then awarded a scholarship and earned his PhD from University of Glasgow (2010-2014) with record 08 publications from his thesis work. On return to Pakistan, he became the Director Research of KMU and Director and then Dean of the public Health and played a leading role in making it one of the best public health institutes in the country. Several new programs included BS Public Health, MSc Epi & Bio, and PhD was started and 17 faculty members were recruited from various developed countries. He established two new institutes within Public Health; family medicine and mental health & Behavioural Sciences. He has published more than 44 research articles and three book chapters. Zia works very closely with Government and partners and got exceptionally high funding of many large ongoing applied health research including UN, NIHR & MRC UK funded studies, worth more than 1 Billion Pak Rupees. From these projects, he is supervising 06 PhD scholars who are near to completion. Prof Zia played an important role in current response to Corona virus, introducing family practice approach, elderly care, obesity interventions, and establishing regional public health labs. As a Chief Organizer he conducted five international Research conferences and two Public Health Conferences.

## Professional memberships and activities

As a core member of the Health Policy Advisory Committee and task force on Health & Wellbeing in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan, he was instrumental in making the first-ever health policy. He received Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, Best Researcher Award in health sciences category on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and a cash prize by the hand of Hon Chairman HEC Pakistan. Award was based on the best peer-reviewed publications, citations, research governance, research projects and academic leadership. Only one award was reserved in the health sciences category for all over Pakistan. The slogan of the 7<sup>th</sup> HEC outstanding research award was "Celebrating our Champions". He has been conferred with Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, Best University Teacher Award and a cash prize by Hon Federal Minister for Education & Professional Training in a ceremony held at Islamabad on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2018. The award was based on assessments of qualification, community-based applied research/interventions, teaching, research papers, research grants and many other parameters and those who earn the highest points in the national competition become eligible for this national-level award. He has also received lifetime achievement award on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017 in recognition of outstanding services in the field of Public Health by the hand of His Excellency, Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, Special Interest Group Pakistan
- Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow, UK

## Research or training interests

Epidemiology of communicable and non-communicable diseases, Assessment of Health Facilities and System, Public health nutrition, Elderly care, mental health, environmental health, & health-related quality of life.

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## Dr Shahzad Ali Khan

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### Summary

Dr Shahzad Ali Khan is medical graduate of King Edward Medical College Lahore of 1991. After MBBS he did MBA with Majors in Finance and MS in Public Health from Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad. He is one of the few medical doctors with a PhD in Management Sciences in Pakistan. In 2020 he got Fellowship Through Distinction by Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians London, and also holds Fellowship of The Royal Society for Public Health, London, UK. He has over 27 years of Public Sector work experience ranging from peripheral level administration to management of tertiary care health offices. His professional expertise varies from health systems analysis, health systems management, policy planning, strategic planning, governance and financing, public sector reforms, NGO management, public sector and private sector project management, human resource development of both the public and private sector workforce.

He has worked for several international & national organizations, and secured grants from World Bank, WHO, USAID, UNICEF, UNFPA, GiZ, UNAIDS, IOM, RAF, TRF, and GFATM etc. He carries a vast teaching and research experience both at undergraduate and postgraduate level; in the field of Health Financing, Project management, Systems and policy development, corporate governance, Health Economics and quality management at national and international level.

He has been involved and has contributed in development of several national, international strategies, policies, working papers, training manuals and policy paper. His research work is extensively disseminated through more than 50 peer reviewed publications in national and international journals.

He is Head of Department of Public Health at Health Services Academy, Islamabad, Pakistan.

### Professional memberships and activities

- Member, Board of Studies at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Islamabad.
- Faculty of Health Financing at Armed Forces Postgraduate Institute (AFPGMI) Rawalpindi.
- Member of Board of Studies COMSATS University Islamabad.
- Adjunct Faculty of Aga Khan University Karachi for Health Financing.
- Member of Board of Studies; Khyber Medical University Peshawar.
- Faculty of Project Management at Bahria University Islamabad.
- Faculty of Senior Management Course (SMC) and Midcareer Management Courses (MCMC) at National Institute of Management (NIM) Govt of Pakistan, Islamabad.
- Master Trainer at the Management Services Wing, Establishment Division, Govt of Pakistan.
- Visiting faculty of Pakistan Manpower Institute; Govt of Pakistan, Islamabad
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## Associate Members of the Faculty Public Health Special Interest Group

Profiles of Associate Members of the Faculty Public Health SIG are listed below:

- Parveen Ali
- Waseem Gill
- Haleema Masud
- Hashum Mahmood
- Anwar Tufail
- Aaron Lim



## Parveen Ali

PhD, MScN, SFHEA,  
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Senior Lecturer,  
Health Sciences  
School, University of  
Sheffield

## Summary

Parveen works as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Sheffield. She is a Registered Nurse, Registered Midwife (Pakistan) Registered Nurse Teacher, Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a Fellow of Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce. Parveen is an associate editor of Nursing Open (Wiley) and editorial board member of Journal of Advanced Nursing and Journal of Interpersonal Violence. She is a director for the Master in Advanced Nursing Studies programme and lead Research Ethics committee at the University of Sheffield and also a member South Yorkshire NHS Research Ethics Committee.

Praveen's research focuses on: inequalities in health especially those related to gender and ethnicity and health care professionals' preparation in provision of care, gender based violence, domestic violence and abuse as public health issues. She is a mixed-method researcher and has contributed to various projects over the past decade; examples include: exploring intimate partner violence from the perspective of Pakistani men and women, evaluation of domestic violence perpetrator programmes; exploring preparedness of nurses and midwives when supporting domestic violence and abuse victims from black and minority ethnic communities in the UK and developing tools and guidelines to help them.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the South Yorkshire Research Ethics' Committee
- Member of Multiagency Genetic Alliance Group
- Sigma Theta Tau International, European Research Task Force

## Research or training interests

- Global health
- Public Health
- Recessive Genetic conditions
- Gender based violence
- Domestic violence
- Health inequalities and health improvement

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## Waseem Gill

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International Health  
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Family Physician  
Practitioner with  
extensive Clinical  
and managerial ex-  
perience

## Summary

Waseem has clinical and managerial primary care experience in the UK and abroad, in both the public and private sectors.

He has diverse areas of interest and activity with particular interests in clinical governance, non-scheduled care and primary care engagement and development.

Waseem is one of the primary care links for the Faculty of Public Health Special Interest Group on Pakistan developing bilateral relationships with healthcare professionals and organisations that require assistance or that could add value.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Special Interest group
- Spending more time recently with development and teaching abroad and devising a voice activated AI tool for primary care

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## Haleema Masud

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## Summary

Haleema Masud is a PhD candidate at Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick, Coventry; studying the political economy of reducing the affordability of tobacco products in Pakistan.

Ms. Haleema qualified as a pharmacist from Pakistan in 2008. She also has a Masters in Public Health with specialization in Health Economics from Umeå University, Sweden. She has over seven years of research and academic experience in Pakistan. Ms. Haleema is mainly interested in tobacco control using tools from politics and economics. Her doctoral thesis is leading her towards a prospective policy analysis of reducing tobacco affordability in Pakistan. Her other interest areas include tobacco cessation, health systems research, public health training and global health.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health UK Special Interest Group Pakistan

## Research or training interests

- Tobacco control, in particular the political economy aspects
- Health systems research and issues
- Global health
- Public health training

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Hashum

Mahmood

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Health Inequalities  
Programme Manager

Public Health England

## Summary

- Information Manager – Health Protection Agency (2005 – 2008)
- Public Health Epidemiologist – Birmingham East & North PCT (2008 – 2013)
- Public Health Service Manger – Birmingham City Council Public Health (2013 – 2018)

Hashum has a keen interest in the sociological model of public health and is currently researching the influence of religion and faith on health improvement. As well as this he is interested in developing the evidence base through academic publications of health issues and inequalities within ethnic populations.

## Professional memberships and activities

- Member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group
- Fellow of Royal Society of Public Health
- Visiting Fellow Staffordshire University

## Research or training interests

- Health Inequalities
- Academic Public Health
- Interaction of religion / faith and public health

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## Anwar Tufail

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General Practitioner  
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### Summary

Anwar graduated from Kyber Medical College University of Peshawar, after completing his house job Anwar worked closely with The WHO polio immunisation programme.

Anwar came to England in 2003 he initially trained in emergency medicine before completing his GP training in Staffordshire, during his training Anwar completed a certificate in medical science from Keele University.

Once qualified as a GP Anwar became a GP partner in Stoke-on-Trent. Anwar has gone on to complete a program in medical leadership and is currently working as Associate Medical Director for primary care at Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust.

### Professional memberships and activities

Anwar is an elected board member for RCGP Midlands faculty, he is the first five lead for North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent and is also an LMC member. He is a member of the Faculty of Public Health Pakistan Special Interest Group.

### Research or training interests

Anwar has a special interest in medical education and leadership he has completed the GP trainers program and he is currently training GP registrars within his practice.

Anwar is also working closely with Keele university and recently has taken up a national first five research champion position.

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## Aaron G Lim

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## Summary

Dr Aaron Lim is a mathematical modeller with over twelve years of experience modelling the immunology and epidemiology of infectious disease and is currently based at the Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol. He trained in Pure and Applied Mathematics at the University of Alberta, Canada, before completing his doctorate degree (DPhil) in the Wolfson Centre of Mathematical Biology at the University of Oxford, UK. During his DPhil at Oxford, he modelled the within-host virus dynamics of human T-cell lymphotropic virus type I (HTLV-I).

His research projects at the University of Bristol primarily focus on developing dynamic transmission models for blood-borne virus epidemics, including hepatitis C virus (HCV) and HIV, in both marginalised high-risk populations such as people who inject drugs (PWID) and the general population in low- and middle-income country (LMIC) settings.

Aaron's work on modelling the impact, costs, and cost-effectiveness of screening, prevention, and treatment interventions for HCV in Pakistan has helped provide the evidence base for supporting the Government of Pakistan's commitment to achieve WHO targets for HCV elimination by 2030. His Pakistan HIV modelling work explores the drivers of variation in HIV epidemics among PWID in Pakistan.

## Professional memberships and activities

Aaron has supported modelling work for HCV elimination in Georgia, and has also co-supervised modelling work that was included in the WHO 2018 guidelines for HCV treatment. He has given more than 45 research presentations at local, national, and international conferences, receiving awards for excellence in oral presentation, and has presented his findings on how to optimise the costs of achieving HCV elimination in Pakistan at an invitation-only Technical Meeting for World Hepatitis Day 2019 hosted by the WHO and the Pakistan Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC). Aaron has over 12 years of teaching and mentoring experience, and is a UK Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA). He has developed course materials as well as delivered lectures and practicals on infectious disease modelling and economic evaluation for the MSc in Public Health and MSc in Epidemiology at the University of Bristol, professional short courses offered by the Bristol Medical School, and has conducted capacity-building workshops at Indus Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan. He is an academic and peer mentor at the University of Bristol, and is also the organiser for the Infectious Disease & Epidemiology research group meetings at the Bristol Medical School.

## Research or training interests

Aaron is passionate about using infectious disease modelling to improve global health and well-being. Mathematical modelling of infectious diseases can help offer insights into the establishment and trajectory of infection at both the immunological and epidemiological scales. A deeper understanding of these issues is a crucial step to developing effective ways to circumvent the spread of infectious diseases and can help identify promising new intervention strategies to reduce the burden or severity of long-term infection and associated disease at both the within-host and population levels.

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