

Faculty of Public Health Committees

Three-year vision and annual work plan 2023-25

Vision and aims

The Academic and Research Committee (ARC) is the voice of the academic public health community. It is our role to support a strong academic workforce to produce high quality evidence that can be used to inform policy and widen our understanding of public health issues and interventions. Our quarterly meetings provide a central forum for academics from across the country to come together, network, share ideas, and develop priority areas for the academic public health community to tackle together. We also act as an advisory panel to FPH on academic matters of local, national, and international relevance.

Activity Please indicate which specific actions the committee will take	Outcome Please indicate what a successful outcome for this activity looks like	Target date Ideally achievable in one year or less	Named lead Who is responsible for delivery?	Progress to date Achievements so far & any work remaining?	Outputs Planned webinars, publications (dates)	Link to strategy E.g. B1, B2
Refresh membership in a sustainable manner	Ensure committee encourages wide diversity of membership, including seniority. To reflect on membership gaps once all members have provided their organisational links.	Ongoing	Sheena Ramsay, Lola Oyebode, all	Membership log circulated for updates.		A3, H1
Engagement with relevant SIGs	Engage with, provide formal oversight of, and support SIG workplans and research items, with a view to improving links between academia and practice.	Ongoing	Harry Rutter, SIG chairs			H1, H3
Engagement with relevant FPH Committees	Engage with and support relevant FPH Committees, including the Advocacy and Policy Committee, Climate Change and Health Committee, Health Protection Committee. To improve the interface between research, academia and service, to empower people to act locally. To work with masters/medical students with HEE to add FPH case studies on the SD SIG resources page . To support social science research on barriers, local awareness, local actions, engagement, and intermediate and high-level decisions on climate change.	Ongoing	Harry Rutter, Committee representatives			E1, E2, E3
Academic public health workforce	Consideration of how the academic PH workforce relates to what the FPH does, including issues such as early and mid-career researcher shortages in academia, strikes, contracts, pensions etc. To develop a status report or survey on the situation and/or see if any information is available.	Late 2025	TBC	To consider this item following the Public Health Masters programme work.		B2
Public health academic offer across the UK	Mapping available Public Health Masters programmes across the UK.	Ongoing	Harry Rutter, Kate Glyn-Owen			B2, D3

	Creating a template for what a PH masters needs to include as part of its core curriculum to support the PH workforce.					
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Strategic Objective		Code	Sub-Objective
Membership	Members are at the heart of everything we do. We will recognise and promote our members as our greatest resource for improving the health of the public. We will enhance engagement with our members and provide them with increased support.	A1	Continue to ensure FPH membership is valued for both UK and International members, and is seen as essential to the public health workforce
		A2	Increase our engagement and improve our communication with existing members to support them in their daily work through our charitable objects
		A3	Continue to expand our membership to improve capacity and diversity within FPH.
Workforce	The UK has a professional public health workforce that embraces both expertise and wellbeing. We will ensure that we have a professional public health workforce that is able to meet future opportunities and challenges by implementing the FPH workforce strategy.	B1	Through senior public health appointments and partnership, continue to champion the unique value of public health specialists and work with employers and other stakeholders to ensure this is recognised and best used to meet the needs of the population
		B2	Ensure that a flexible public health specialist workforce is trained, developed and strengthened to meet employer and the public's health needs, including public mental health, in the future. We will work across current public, private, academic and voluntary sectors and identify new opportunities and needs for public health professional skills.
		B3	Seek to establish a desired minimum number of consultants to aid workforce planning across the United Kingdom.
		B4	Work in partnership with the public health community to support the development of an effective public health practitioner workforce and enable the wider workforce to deliver improvements to the public's health.
Standards	Public health training and standards in the UK are recognised as being the best in the world. We will maintain and further develop high quality standards to ensure effective delivery of public health practice.	C1	Maintain and develop standards of public health speciality training through recruitment, curriculum, ePortfolio, examinations and the issuing of CCTs/CESRs.
		C2	Support and drive improvements in public health practice by continuously reviewing and developing our CPD programme
		C3	Maintain standards by continuing to ensure that public health professionals deliver quality-controlled expertise and evidence-based practice that is relevant to the current challenges to our health through our Good Public Health Practice framework, revalidation and professional appraisal systems
		C4	Work with employers to set and maintain standards to support the delivery of professional public health practice.
Knowledge	We are seen as the leading experts on public health matters. We will act as a network of public health expertise, knowledge and evidence and use this across all of our work.	D1	Increase access to information and evidence amongst our members and the wider public health community, through our website, special interest groups and social media outlets
		D2	Promote and synthesize the knowledge base needed for public health in the 21st century, including the "art" of public health, sustainability and working in complex systems, including the interrelation between physical, mental and social health and wellbeing
		D3	Review the curriculum to ensure it provides future public health specialists with the knowledge and skills required for tomorrow's challenges, including genomics, artificial intelligence, and working effectively in a changing society and less predictable political environment.
Advocacy	We will lead the way in public health advocacy. We will deliver an ambitious and focused advocacy agenda with clear priorities and a strong evidence base to drive positive changes in public health at a global, national and local level.	E1	Working with our partners in national and local public health and health service bodies, we will increase our influence on policy making and services
		E2	Working with our partners, we will build on the success of our recent policy work to deliver more effective campaigning for the health of the public. This will be undertaken through the whole policy function of the FPH, recognising that education, workforce and advocacy all overlap, including the members, the committees and Special Interest Groups and with strong, formal partnership working
		E3	We will develop an effective system of advocacy that recognises the differences between and learning from each of our four nations.
Global	We drive improvements in public health across the world. We will build global public health competency and capacity through education, training and standards, and advocate for better global health.	F1	Contribute to the development of public health capacity by promoting competency-based training programmes that deliver high standards of public health practice assured through examination and regulation
		F2	Advocate for improved health internationally through the work of FPH global public health Special Interest Groups
		F3	Strengthen partnerships with public health bodies across the world to develop and support public health capacity and improve the health of the more than seven billion people with whom we share this planet.
Organisation	We strive to be a well-run, highly agile and motivated membership organisation. We will focus on financial viability and a strategic approach within the organisation to support delivery of our objectives.	G1	Deliver a financial strategy that is based on the principles of prudent, realistic and balanced budgets, and ethical investing
		G2	Review and invest in current systems and new technology, including communication systems and governance structures to ensure they are effective and efficient
		G3	As a progressive employer, ensure development and workplace support to enable our staff and members to deliver our strategic vision, as 'one team'.
Partnership	We are seen as the key partner in all aspects of public health. We will work in partnership with other organisations across the UK to enhance delivery of improvements to the health of the public.	H1	We will work with our partners to deliver a united voice on public health with clear and consistent messages
		H2	We will continue to increase the profile of the FPH as both an authoritative voice for public health and a collaborative partner
		H3	We will explore how we can work effectively in partnership with other organisations to maximise our collective ability to protect and improve the health of the public. We will seek to share strategy, share actions, moving towards shared functions and services.