



## FPH Public Health Spaces

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Tuesday 30 July 2024, 16:00 - 17:00

### Speaker biographies

**Professor Sian Griffiths**  
Emeritus Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Sian Griffiths is a global public health specialist. Having studied medicine at Cambridge she practiced as a service-based public health physician at local, regional and national level in the UK before moving to her academic post in Hong Kong. A former Regional Director of Public Health for South West Thames and Director of Public Health for Oxfordshire, she was President of the Faculty of Public Health between 2001 and 2014. In 2003, she chaired the Hong Kong SAR government's SARS Inquiry, joining the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) as Director of the School of Public Health and Primary Care in 2005.



Since 2014, she retains her role as Emeritus Professor at the CUHK and has held a variety of portfolio appointments including Senior Adviser on International Academic Development to the previous CUHK Vice-Chancellor until 2018 and Senior Health Advisor to the UKTI. In addition to academic links, she was Advisory Non-executive Director of Public Health England, chairing the Global Health Committee. Her current roles include Non-executive Board Member of Public Health Wales and Trustee of GambleAware. She was awarded a CBE in the 2023 New Year's Honours for her voluntary and charitable services, particularly during COVID-19.

**Professor Kate Ardern**  
Honorary Professor of Public Health, Salford University; Visiting Professor of Public Health, Chester University

Kate read Medicine at Manchester University and has an MSc in Epidemiology and Health. She was awarded Fellowship of the Faculty of Public Health in 2006. In addition to her honorary academic roles, she is a member of General Advisory Council of the Kings Fund, expert member of Lord Filkin's "A Covenant for Health" commission, Public Health Advisor to the Impact Investing Institute Place Coalition, local systems expert on Liverpool University's NIHR Emerging New Infections and Zoonoses Research Group, and co-chairs Reform's thinktank "Reimaging Health" advisory council.



She is one of the expert contributors to Debbie Abrahams MP's new documentary "The Unequal Pandemic" which was launched in Parliament in September 2023.

Since retiring in July 2022, Kate has become a Service Improvement Associate for the Local Government Association and a Population Health Associate for the Kings Fund. She regularly works with the British Academy contributing to their work on health inequalities and health protection. In recognition of her contribution to pandemic response, the Financial Times named her as one of their eighteen international “Women of the Year 2020”.

**Professor Kevin Fenton**  
**President, Faculty of Public Health**

Kevin Fenton is the President of the Faculty of Public Health. He is a senior public health expert and infectious disease epidemiologist who has worked in a variety of public health executive leadership roles across government and academia in the United Kingdom and internationally. His specialist interests are in tackling health inequalities, infectious disease prevention and control, climate justice and urban health.



Professor Fenton is the Regional Director for London in the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) within the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Within this role, he is also the statutory public health advisor to the Mayor of London and the Greater London Authority and the Regional Director of Public Health for NHS London. He is also the government’s Chief Advisor on HIV and Chair of the HIV Action Plan Implementation Steering Group for England.

**Rachel Johns**  
**Deputy Regional Director of Public Health, North East and Yorkshire**

Rachel has worked in the public health and healthcare system for many years, with roles in the NHS, local government and Public Health England. She is currently Deputy Regional Director of Public Health (North East and Yorkshire) across NHS England and OHID (DHSC), having previously held positions as Director of Public Health. She has extensive experience in NHS commissioning and of partnership working to improve health and wellbeing. She has served on a number of national advisory boards including NIHR and NICE, where she also chaired the guideline for integrated health and social care for people experiencing homelessness. She is Chair of the Health Improvement Committee of the Faculty of Public Health.

