



Deputy Chair of the Health Services Committee Role description

Summary

The Faculty of Public Health's Health Services Committee (HSC) supports Faculty of Public Health (FPH) in advice on matters relating to the health and care systems in the Four Nations of the UK and in FPH's advocacy role to drive improvements in population outcomes and reductions in health inequalities in a cost-effective manner. It focuses on supporting the development and practice of healthcare public health (HCPH) through both training and professional practice, and on strengthening this core public health competency within the NHS, social care, and (in England) within the emerging Integrated Care Systems.

Committee aims and objectives

- To lead FPH's HCPH advice to internal and external partners.
- To embed HCPH in all FPH policy developments.
- To promote best practice in HCPH across the Faculty and to and through its membership.
- To promote HCPH across the curriculum for public health registrars.
- To increase the Faculty's profile as an expert source of HCPH.
- To provide a formal link for FPH with the Provider Public Health Network.

Current committee priorities include healthcare public health practice descriptions at all levels in the health and care system, development of the ICS systems in England, supporting curriculum development around HCPH competencies in practice, input into the work of the Provider Public Health Network and supporting the work of the [Special Interest Groups](#) (SIGs) reporting to the committee.

The role of the HSC Deputy Chair

The Deputy Chair of the HSC supports the HSC in providing strategic leadership for the FPH on matters relating to healthcare public health policy and advocacy. This is a critical leadership role within FPH and the wider public health community to shape future public health policy and practice across the health services agenda.



The postholder will also support the governance and development of several member-led Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that are working on specific areas relevant to healthcare public health, including primary care, women's health, adult social care, sexual health, drugs and emergency services.

The Deputy Chair serves a three-year term of office and is accountable to the Chair, who is in turn accountable to the FPH President. In accordance with the Standing Orders, they may stand for re-election for a second consecutive three-year term of office. A time commitment of approximately 1-2 hours per week would be expected, worked flexibly. The Deputy Chair reports to the Chair, who reports to the FPH Advocacy and Policy Committee. The postholder is expected to be a Fellow of the FPH.

Key responsibilities

Lead the members of the Health Services Committee and enable them to work effectively together: through supporting and working closely with the Chair on the design, reporting, delivery and evaluation of the annual committee workplan, planning and leading committee meetings as necessary, discussions, engagement, communicating, sharing of work plans and agendas, peer support and challenge etc.

Deputise for the Chair at Advocacy and Policy Committee meetings: attend the regular meetings where the Chair is not able to do so, updating on the HSC's workplan progress, contributing to the development and implementation of the Advocacy and Policy Committee work plan, championing the Faculty's wider policy function and FPH's five-year strategy.

Inspire FPH members to play a positive and effective role on the committee and in the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that report into the Health Services Committee

Support the governance of the SIGs that report into the Health Services Committee: working closely with the Chair to ensure all SIGs have work plans, follow the reporting process and the SIG Terms of Reference, inviting SIGs to committee meetings, and ensuring that the work of all of the 'health services' SIGs are joined up.



Support the Chair to set out a clear vision for the Health Services Committee and associated SIGs in the context of a member organisation which we want people to join and play an active role in. This should include having a clear sense for how the committee processes, ways of working, behaviours, structures and terms of reference need updating and modernising, how to encourage new blood into the committees (including encouraging non-members to join FPH to play a role) and how to re-energise and re-set expectations amongst existing committee members and SIG Chairs.

Reporting

The postholder will report to the Chair of the Health Services Committee.

Personal behaviours

The postholder will actively model the organisation's values, champion all FPH guidance, and champion the work of the FPH and will encourage and expect other committee members to do the same.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

The Faculty of Public Health is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, and to tackling any form of racism or violence. We are committed to minority ethnic representation at our senior leadership level and support our leaders in understanding the issues experienced by these communities.

Post conditions

HSC meetings are held quarterly, usually online, but could also be occasionally in person. A time commitment of between 1-2 hours weekly is expected, worked flexibly. The post is non-remunerated, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in line with FPH's expenses policy.

How to apply

Please send a CV and covering letter explaining how you could fulfil the role to: policy@fph.org.uk by COP Tuesday 18 November.