



FACULTY OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

Chair of the Health Services Committee

Role description

The role of the Health Services Committee

The Faculty of Public Health's Health Services Committee (HSC) supports FPH in advice on matters relating to the health and care systems in the four countries, 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 Chair

The Chair of the HSC provides 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 lead 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 Chair serves a three-year term of office and is accountable to the FPH President and to the membership. In accordance with the Standing Orders, s/he may stand for re-election for a second consecutive three-year term of office. A time commitment of approximately three hours per week would be expected, worked flexibly. The Chair reports to the President, who chairs the FPH Advocacy and Policy Committee.

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Key responsibilities

Lead the members of the Health Services Committee and enable them to work effectively together: through taking lead responsibility for the design, reporting, delivery and evaluation of the annual committee workplan, leading committee meetings, discussions, engagement, talking frequently over email / by phone, sharing of work plans and agendas, peer support and challenge etc.

Be an active member of the Advocacy and Policy Committee: by attending the regular meetings, contributing to the development and implementation of the Advocacy and Policy Committee work plan, championing our 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

Lead the governance of the SIGs that report into the Health Services Committee: by ensuring 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.

Champion and support a FPH Board priority focus area: maximising NHS prevention & population health.

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 FPH President.

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.

Post conditions

HSC meetings are held quarterly, usually online, but could also be occasionally in person. A time commitment of three 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.