

# Faculty of Public Health Special Interest Groups

## Sexual and Reproductive Health SIG three-year vision and annual work plan 2023-25

### Vision and aims

Vision: Our vision is to provide leadership in sexual and reproductive health public health. We aim to do so by collaborating with partners to influence and advocate for improving sexual and reproductive health and reducing inequalities.

Aims: - to provide a forum for collaboration for those interested in sexual and reproductive health

- to provide and facilitate learning and training on topics in sexual and reproductive health from a public health lens

- to widen the reach and influence of our SIG in the field of sexual and reproductive health

<b>Activity</b> Please indicate which specific actions the SIG will take	<b>Outcome</b> Please indicate what a successful outcome for this activity looks like	<b>Target date</b> Ideally achievable in one year or less	<b>Named lead</b> Who is responsible for delivery?	<b>Progress to date</b> Achievements so far & any work remaining?	<b>Outputs</b> Planned webinars, publications (dates)	<b>Link to strategy</b> E.g. B1, B2
Learning and training on SRH topics	To deliver 'lunch and learn' sessions outside of regular meetings to increase accessibility, generate more interest in the SIG and attract new members.	1 year	Co-chairs (Natalie Daley and Rachael McCarthy) with support from SIG members.	Currently hold sessions during SIG meetings on a quarterly basis with a speaker and Q&A. Plan to extend this to outside meetings and to a broader range of attendees with a relevant interest (e.g. GUM clinicians).	Planned 'lunch-and-learn' sessions with speakers and Q&As; dates are to be agreed. Aim for recordings to be made available on FPH website.	A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B4, D1, D2
Modern slavery workstream	To provide input to and feedback from the UK Modern Slavery Training	1 year	Sally James (SIG representative on the UK Modern	An evidence review on modern slavery awareness in SRH services was carried out on behalf of the SIG. Input from the SIG was provided to help set up a	Updates on work undertaken and opportunities for	A2, E1, E2, E3,

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	Delivery Group (UK MSTDG), as a member of the health task and finish group. This is to improve identification of and support for modern slavery victims in healthcare settings.		Slavery Training Delivery group) supported by Natalie Daley (co-chair of the SIG)	health task and finish group and provide feedback to the UK MSTDG. A member of the SIG currently sits on the UK MSTDG.	new projects to be shared via a regular e-bulletin to the SRH SIG membership.	H1, H2, H3
Collaboration with partners and other SIGs e.g. BASHH, BHIVA, criminal justice partners, commissioners, clinicians etc.	To increase the influence of the SRH SIG and its collaboration on specific projects with partners.	1 year	Co-chairs (Natalie Daley and Rachael McCarthy) with support from SIG members	Links have been made with some partners including BASHH. Work has been undertaken with the BASHH Bacterial SIG on a project to improve the regulation of STI testing kits and inappropriate gonorrhoea treatment. A meeting was held with England’s Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and next steps are awaited. Additional projects with the BASHH BBV SIG on - the BBV Health Needs of underserved populations (especially people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds, people experiencing homelessness, migrants and refugees, sex workers) and improving access to PrEP to achieve zero transmissions by 2030 - have been identified. A meeting is being organised to further understand the support required from the SRH SIG.	Blogs, articles and journal publications as appropriate on outcomes of joint projects.	A2, E1, E2, E3, H1, H2, H3
Communications and awareness raising	To strengthen the voice and influence of the SRH SIG and share its expertise by attending events, providing input into consultations and writing blogs, articles and opinion pieces on areas of relevance.	1 year	Co-chairs (Natalie Daley and Rachael McCarthy) with support from members of the SIG.	Attended the APPG on SRH’s meeting on equipping the NHS to deliver for women’s reproductive health and wrote a blog. Inputted into the consultation on the specification for SRH services in prison. Reviewed the specification on termination of pregnancy services. Responded to the LGA report on the pressure on sexual health services and wrote a position statement on the abolition of Roe vs. Wade in the US.	Blogs, press releases, articles and consultation responses and updates through a regular e-bulletin to SRH SIG members	A1, A3, D1, E1, E2, E3, H2

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 specialty 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.

