

FPH ETHICS COMMITTEE Vacancy for Chair

1. Introduction

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) currently has a vacancy for a new Chair of the FPH Ethics Committee, who will play a lead role in developing the committee's vision for the next three years and supporting the delivery of its programme of work.

The FPH Ethics Committee provides a focus for ethical analysis, consideration and response to public health challenges and issues, and advises and supports FPH in further embedding ethical principles and understanding into its activities, policies, practice and governance.

The Ethics Committee is a standing committee of the FPH Board. It is currently chaired by Dr Farhang Tahzib, who is standing down at the FPH Annual General Meeting in June.

Further details on the role are provided below. The deadline for applications is Friday 12 July 2024.

The committee's terms of reference are available here.

2. Chair post description

Primary responsibilities

- To provide strategic leadership and direction on ethics across the Faculty.
- To inspire FPH members to play a positive and effective role within the Ethics Committee and its SIGs.
- To support and develop collaborative working with other FPH committees and special interest groups, in particular the Public Health Ethics SIG.
- To work closely with FPH officers and members of the senior management team on ethical issues.
- To work with the President and Board to advise and help shape and implement FPH's approach to public health ethics, and ensure ethical considerations are taken into account.
- To champion the Faculty's work on ethics and its positions in public, including being an FPH spokesperson on ethical matters.
- To support development and delivery of the committee's three-year vision and work plan.
- To chair meetings of the Ethics Committee.
- To attend meetings of the FPH Board, providing reports as required.

Person specification

- FPH Fellow in good standing (including Honorary Fellow) or Honorary Member
- Passion for, and knowledge of, ethics and public health ethical issues

- Ability to lead and inspire others
- Professional written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- Commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership

The term of office is three years in the first instance.

The post is non-remunerated, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in line with the FPH expenses policy.

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