



Election of FPH President, Vice President and three General Board Members

Candidates and voting information

Candidates

We are pleased to announce that two nominations have been received for the post of President, two nominations for Vice President and four nominations for three General Board Member vacancies. The candidates, in alphabetical order by last name, are:

President

1. Tracy Daszkiewicz FFPH
2. David Walker FFPH

Vice President

1. Rachel Flowers FFPH
2. Zafar Iqbal FFPH

General Board Members

1. Zafar Iqbal FFPH
2. Samia Latif FFPH
3. Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes FFPH
4. Eleanor Roaf FFPH

The election statements for all candidates are attached as appendix 1.

Ballot

In accordance with the Faculty's Standing Orders, a ballot is to be held of all FPH voting members, ie Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Members, Honorary Members, Diplomate Members, Specialty Registrar Members, Practitioner Members and International Practitioner Members.

Voting will open on Thursday 14 November and close on Thursday 12 December 2024 at 5pm. Voting will be online.

The ballot is to be run by Civica Election Services on behalf of the Faculty. They will send out voting information to all FPH voting members on 14 November. This will be sent by email to all members for whom we have a valid email address and by post to the remainder. The email will be sent from fph@cesvotes.com - please add this address to your contacts so the email is delivered to your inbox rather than spam.

If you do not receive the voting information either by email or post by Thursday 21 November, please contact fphelections@fph.org.uk. We will confirm your mailing details and arrange for a duplicate set to be sent if appropriate.

Further information

If you have any questions about the elections, please email fphelections@fph.org.uk.

Professor Kevin Fenton CBE FFPH
President

Dr Ellis Friedman FFPH
Registrar

1 November 2024

Appendix 1

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Candidate information and statements in alphabetical order by last name

For FPH President

1. Professor Tracy Daszkiewicz FFPH

Executive Director of Public Health & Strategic Partnerships, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

It's been an honour to serve as Vice President of the FPH since 2022.

Alongside the Board, FPH staff and many inspirational colleagues from across the membership, I have delivered tangible progress across FPH priorities, enabling vital work on preparing for the future.

Central to this future is a thriving workforce, informed by far-reaching insight and energy of colleagues and our incredible Registrars, who will shape the workforce of the future.

My focus on members wellbeing, parity of esteem and greater opportunities to benefit from our membership's diversity of background and talents, has led to key policies and position statements

supporting our wide and diverse membership to be heard and seen and through them provided impetus to the national, regional and local health improvement and protection of our communities.

As a proud FPH Fellow I reflect on 30 years' working across the health and social care system - with 18 years in PH and current Executive DPH - and consider "*What next for the FPH and the health of the places, communities, and the people we serve?*"

The need for the FPH has never been clearer as we deal with the long tail of the pandemic, a renewed focus on preventive and protective foundations for population health and need for healthier places. I will continue to ensure the FPH is recognised and relied upon as a credible source of insight and solutions in local and national debates over the future of Public Health.

Our times call for commitment courage and collaboration.

From the crisis across health and social care accessibility and outcomes, to the urgent need for action on climate change.

If elected as your President, I would continue to support the membership and encourage the wider system to see shared challenges and solutions through a Public Health Lens.

2. Dr David Walker FFPH

Recently retired as Chief Medical Officer for Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

In my career I have been a CCDC, a local DPH, a regional DPH and Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England. I have worked in five UK regions and on four continents including as a visiting scientist at CDC Atlanta. I have held many senior roles including Chair of the UK National Screening Committee and National Lead for Rare Diseases. Most recently I have been the Chief Medical Officer for one of the largest NHS Trusts. I have been lucky enough to work with many inspirational public health leaders.

I am concerned that public health in the UK is in peril. Health outcomes and health inequality are not improving. The UK is in great need of an effective public health system. In the past, national support for public health has fluctuated cyclically but crises have usually resulted in a renewal of focus and an improvement in support. It is notable this time that in the greatest public health crisis in our lifetime, our national public health body was abolished and one of its successor bodies dismantled. Public health funding and remuneration levels have decreased and the influence of public health experts has become more limited at local and national level. Morale is low and the challenge to us is great.

If elected, I want to encourage the renewal of the public health system and help to create an environment where our Directors of Public Health and their teams can flourish and attract the heroes of the future to their ranks. I want closer working with innovation, technology and digital leaders who are already more influential in some health systems than they are in the UK and I want to realise the expectation that public health expertise should always be in the room when key decisions affecting health are made.

For FPH Vice President

1. Ms Rachel Flowers FFPH

Public Health Specialist / Visiting Fellow, London Southbank University

I am standing for the Faculty of Public Health Vice President as I believe that my skills and experience would enable me to proactively support the President and our members over the next 3 years. Like all our members, I am passionate and enthusiastic about tackling health inequity, and feel strongly that we need a united, competent, supported, and valued workforce with good career pathways to effectively and efficiently enable this to happen.

In my 40-year career in public health I have worked in paid and voluntary roles across the public health system within the NHS, local, regional, and national government. This includes being a Director of Public Health in two different areas for a total of over 12 years and also includes informing policy across the four countries of the UK. As a result, I feel like I have a clear grip on the public health challenges.

Throughout my career I have actively volunteered for public health charities and have also been voted into a range of roles. One of my proudest moments was when I was elected for the first term as a general board member of the Faculty of Public Health, I was humbled to be voted in for a second term. In this time, I have seen the last two Presidents and the wider faculty nurture and grow our organisation into one not only with a high profile advocating around things that matter for public health, but also refining and renewing public health training and competencies for us all.

I want the faculty and our members to continue to grow in strength and influence and believe that if I were voted into the vice president role, I would be able to play a key part in that journey.

2. Professor Zafar Iqbal FFPH

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- Advocate for more posts in the NHS for Public Health specialists.
- Ensure the spotlight on increasing BAME appointments to executive positions in the public sector is maintained
- Ensure that the FPH plays a more active role in supporting portfolio and CESR candidates.

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2. Dr Samia Latif FFPH

Consultant Communicable Disease Control & Global Health, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

Public health has never been at a more crucial crossroads in a post pandemic and volatile geopolitical world with increasing health inequalities, climate change challenges and a health and care system and workforce in crisis. The Faculty, in collaboration with other partners, has an essential role and voice to respond to these challenges and influence and shape the future of the nation's health.

I am proud to have served two terms as a trustee of the FPH and the Assistant Academic Registrar in delivering the vision and strategy of the Faculty as well as its award winning high quality training. I also chair the FPH EDI committee as well as the Pakistan SIG and have been fortunate to work with the current Board, SIGs, Faculty staff and partners.

If appointed, I will support the President and Board to:

- Raise the profile of public health across all four nations and globally
- Continue to input into the Board Level Focus Areas and FPH strategy
- Lead and progress the FPH's innovative Fair Training Programme of work I have initiated
- Use my public health experience, leadership and critical thinking skills to help shape the Board's work

Over the years I have built extensive professional networks and am keen to harness opportunities to synergise and promote Faculty policies and initiatives across my various streams of professional regional, national, and global work.

As general board member I would like to reach out to our membership and represent their views and interests through my open, honest and inclusive style of working.

I am passionate about public health and have enjoyed working with and being part of the Faculty team. I would be honoured to serve as an ambassador for the Faculty and your general board member.

3. Dr Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes FFPH

NIHR Advanced Fellow and Honorary Academic Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Institute for Global Health, UCL / UKHSA and Met Office (honorary)

As I take my first steps as Public Health Consultant, I would like to continue working with and for the FPH as board member because I believe that my skills can benefit the board and the FPH in general.

I have been working for the FPH since the beginning of my specialty training. Over the 4 years as a registrar, I served the FPH in different ways, both as member of SIGs and committees. I also founded the Academic Public Health SIG in 2022, which I have been co-chairing since then. Of note, I have organized several high-profile events on academic subjects and climate change and air pollution, which are my areas of interest. I was vice-chair and chair of the Specialty Registrars' Committee, in which role I had the honour of joining the board. I received good feedback from other board members about my contribution to the board, which demonstrated critical judgement, strategic vision, and commitment to Public Health values. I have also been leading the decarbonization of the FPH with FPH officers, a key aim of the FPH climate and health strategy. As member of several FPH committees, I have been contributing to delivering the FPH vision and mission, thus demonstrating the ability to work effectively as member of a team and commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. My positive contribution to the FPH has been recognised by other FPH fellows and officers, and joint work has resulted in many of them becoming good friends over the years. Besides my clear commitment to the FPH, as a woman with a physical disability, I would increase the diversity of the board. For all these reasons, I believe that I am a good candidate for general board member.

4. Ms Eleanor Roaf FFPH

Retired DPH, now freelance Public Health Consultant

As a General Board Member, I would relish the opportunity to support FPH's role as the leading independent voice for Public Health in the UK. We need to push hard for effective preventative actions to improve population health, and to tackle the worsening health in the country. I would use my position to continue to ensure our strong focus on reducing inequalities and strengthening our advocacy and actions on climate change mitigation and adaptation, as climate change will hit our poorest and most vulnerable communities hardest. As part of the FPH I will want to be constructive and challenging with national government, local government, and the NHS, so the right targets and outcome are achieved.

I have worked in Public Health for over 35 years recently as a DPH in the NHS and local government, most recently in Trafford, Greater Manchester until I retired in 2023. I understand the pressures that our public health workforce is facing, not least after the pandemic. Maintaining standards at all levels in our profession and supporting our registrars is important to me. As demonstrated in my track record as a Training Programme Director (Greater Manchester 2014 – 2020), Faculty appraiser and an assessor for AAC panels. I am registered with UKPHR and as a Board member would want to ensure that we continue to work closely with them in the development of our practitioner and wider workforce, who play such an important role in PH delivery.

I am already involved in the FPH as Deputy Chair of the FPH Climate and Health Committee, a member of the Transport and Sustainable Development SIGs, and am the FPH nominated Trustee of UKHACC. As such I would like to build on experience with the opportunity to represent the profession as a FPH general board member.