



Faculty of Public Health

Curriculum Review Project Plan

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Project Aims

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) undertakes a review of the specialty training curriculum approximately every 5 years to ensure that regulatory requirements are being met and that the curriculum is fit for purpose. [A copy of the Current training Curriculum can be found here.](#) It is intended that the product of this review will be presented to regulators for implementation in 2027.

Following changes for those working in Public Health, this is an appropriate time to undertake a review and make sure that the curriculum continues to be fit to train a specialised workforce that has the core Public Health specialist skills required to practice in a variety of settings.

The curriculum defines and describes the processes (learning methods and outcomes, induction, assessment and remediation), phases of training, and settings for learning.

This will be a substantive review following the 'light touch' 2020 review.

The aim of the Curriculum review will be to:

- Engage with stakeholders at all levels in public health during the review.
- Produce a new training curriculum to be presented and approved by the regulators; General Medical Council and the UK Public Health Register.
- To "go live" in summer 2027 with the approved training curriculum.

During the curriculum review the Curriculum & Assessment Committee (CAC) will become the Curriculum Review Working Group (CRWG), who will deliver the consultation process and produce a revised curriculum.

This work will be overseen by the Curriculum Review Steering Group (CRSG) on behalf of the Education Committee.

Project Deliverables

The Curriculum review will provide, through consultation mechanisms, the opportunity for stakeholders to feedback on changes that should be made to the curriculum.

These mechanisms for feedback will be online surveys and workshops to be held in the four nations and for those key groups that the Faculty will wish to address during the process.

This feedback will then be collated and analysed and, where appropriate, used as the basis of revisions for the Specialty Training Curriculum.

The key deliverables for the project will be:

- Circulation of an FPH Projects application to engage Registrars to take part in the drafting of new curriculum.
- Engage an external Educationalist to provide guidance on writing Learning Outcomes.
- A robust and thorough consultation process for key stakeholders in Public Health.
- A redrafted Curriculum, approved by the regulators, and published by August 2027.
- Additional documents for Registrars, Supervisors and Training Programme Directors in the use of the curriculum, including a mapping document for learning outcomes.
- An implementation plan for users, including mechanism for feedback and queries.

Project Timeline

The project timeline, including tasks to be completed and leads are listed below. Please note that this timeline is subject to change as the review progresses.

Project Planning						
	Action	From date	To date	Deadline	Comms	Lead
1	Draft Timeline			21/01/2025		FPH
2	Draft Project Plan			10/02/2025		FPH
3	Agree Members of Steering Group to approach			01/03/2025		Chair CAC,FPH
4	Agree Members of Working Group to approach			01/03/2025		Chair CAC,FPH
5	Draft FPH Project application			10/03/2025		Chair CAC,FPH
6	Education Committee Project Plan sign off			10/03/2025		Education Committee
Pre-Consultation Preparation						
	Action	From date	To date	Deadline	Comms	Lead
7	Invite Members of Steering Group	19/03/2025		19/03/2025		FPH

8	Invite Members of Working Group	19/03/2025		19/03/2025		FPH
9	Advertise FPH Project Application	19/03/2025	01/06/2025	19/03/2025	Email SRC,TPD/HOS and FPH website	FPH
10	Identify dates for Workshops			19/03/2025		FPH
11	Comms: Inform FPH Members and stakeholders of Curriculum Review consultation process			18/04/2025	Email to Members, Stakeholders and FPH website	FPH
12	Reminder deadline for FPH Project Application			31/04/2025	Email SRC,TPD/HOS and FPH website	FPH
13	Working Group: Begin to draft Consultation Questions	01/05/2025	01/08/2025	01/05/2025		FPH
14	Meeting Steering Group: Review direction of consultation			20/05/2025		FPH
15	Deadline for FPH Project Application	19/03/2025	01/06/2025	01/06/2025		FPH, Chair CAC
16	Working Group: Finalise Consultation Questions	01/05/2025	01/08/2025	01/08/2025		FPH, Chair CAC

17	Update with GMC regarding progress, specifically approach of consultation			01/07/2025		FPH, Chair CAC
First Consultation						
	Action	From date	To date	Deadline	Comms	Lead
18	Consultation Opens	01/09/2025	01/01/2026	01/09/2025	Email to Members, Stakeholders and FPH website	FPH
19	Workshop: Northern Ireland			TBC		FPH, Chair CAC
20	Workshop: Wales			TBC		FPH, Chair CAC
21	Workshop: Scotland			TBC		FPH, Chair CAC
22	Workshop: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion			TBC		FPH, Chair CAC
23	Reminder Consultation Closes			01/12/2025	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website	FPH
24	Consultation Closes	01/09/2025	01/01/2026	01/01/2026	All members & Stakeholders	FPH
25	Consultation Responses collated, analysed and reviewed	01/01/2026	01/02/2026	01/02/2026		FPH
Drafting Curriculum						
	Action	From date	To date	Deadline	Comms	Lead

26	Curriculum Working Group drafts Curriculum	01/02/2026	01/05/2026	01/05/2026		Working Group
27	Meeting Curriculum Steering Group: Reviews first draft			01/05/2026		Working Group
28	Curriculum Working Group Finalises Curriculum draft	01/05/2026	01/08/2026	01/08/2026		Working Group
29	Update with GMC regarding progress, specifically outcome consultation and proposed changes to the curriculum			01/07/2026		FPH, Chair CAC
30	Curriculum Steering Group signs off on Curriculum draft			01/08/2026		Working Group
Second Consultation						
	Action	From date	To date	Deadline	Comms	Lead
31	2nd Consultation opens; comment on proposed draft curriculum	01/09/2026	01/11/2026	01/09/2026	Email to Members, Stakeholders and FPH website	FPH

32	Reminder 2nd Consultation closes			01/10/2026	Email to Members, Stakeholders and FPH website	FPH
33	Begin to collate consultation responses, analyse and review			01/10/2026		FPH
34	2nd Consultation closes			01/11/2026		FPH
35	Finalise consultation Responses collated, analysed and reviewed			01/11/2026		FPH
36	Curriculum Working Group drafts Final Curriculum	01/11/2026	01/01/2027	01/01/2027		Working Group
37	Approach ePortfolio provider with requirements to update system with new Learning Outcomes			01/01/2026		FPH, ePortfolio Provider
38	Curriculum Steering Group reviews final draft and approves	01/01/2027		07/01/2027		Steering group
39	Submit to Education Committee for sign off	07/01/2027		15/01/2027		FPH
40	Submit to Lead Dean for sign off	15/01/2027		31/01/2027		
41	Submit to FPH Board for sign off	01/02/2027	01/03/2027	01/03/2027		FPH
42	Approve ePortfolio update work to begin.	01/03/2027	01/06/2027	01/06/2027		FPH, ePortfolio Provider

	Finalise and Launch					
	Action	From date	To date	Deadline	Comms	Lead
43	Submit to GMC & UKPHR for approval	01/03/2027	01/06/2027	01/03/2027		FPH
44	Draft additional Curriculum guidance & Implementation Guidance	01/03/2027	01/03/2027	01/07/2027		Working Group
45	ePortfolio updated, testing complete. Ready for August launch			01/06/2027		FPH, ePortfolio Provider
46	Details of go live date for new Curriculum, circulate supporting documents			01/07/2027	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website	FPH
47	Consider feedback from GMC & UKPHR	01/06/2027	01/07/2027	01/07/2027		Working Group
48	Draft additional Curriculum guidance & Implementation Guidance	01/04/2027	01/08/2027	01/08/2027		Working Group
49	Curriculum finalised			01/08/2027		Working Group
50	New Curriculum goes live			21/08/2027	All FPH Members & Stakeholders	FPH

Project Communications

Outlined below is a list of key communications to be delivered during the review and the target audience. Please note that this timeline is subject to change as the review progresses.

Action	Date	Method
Invite Members of Steering Group	19/03/2025	Email
Invite Members of Working Group	19/03/2025	Email
Advertise FPH Project Application	19/03/2025	Email SRC, TPD/HOS, FPH website
Circulate details of the Curriculum Review consultation process to Members and Stakeholders process	18/04/2025	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website
Reminder deadline for FPH Project Application	31/04/2025	Email SRC, TPD/HOS, FPH website
Consultation Opens	01/09/2025	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website
Reminder Consultation closes	01/12/2025	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website
2nd Consultation Opens	01/10/2026	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website
Reminder 2nd Consultation closes	01/11/2026	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website
Details of go live date for new Curriculum, circulate supporting documents	01/07/2027	Email to Members, Stakeholders, FPH website

Consultations Audience & Workshops

To be delivered during the first consultation period: 01/09/2025 – 01/01/2026 - TBC

- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- England
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Consultation Audience

Groups to be included in the consultation process.

- FPH Membership
- FPH committees including:
 - DFPH
 - MFPH
 - Academic & Research
 - Advocacy & Policy
 - Climate & Health
 - CPD
 - Ethics
 - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
 - FPH Board
 - Workforce
 - Speciality Registrars
 - Global Health
 - Health Improvement
 - Health Services

- Health Protection
 - Portfolio Committee
- Faculty of Public Health Special Interest Groups
- Employers & key stakeholders, including:
 - UK Public Health Registrar
 - Department of Health & Social Care / Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
 - Health and Care Professions Council
 - Heads of School
 - Training Programme Directors
 - Public Health Wales
 - Public Health Scotland
 - Public Health Agency of Northern Ireland
 - Dental Public Health
 - Royal College of General Practitioners
 - UK Health Security Agency
 - Association of Directors of Public Health
 - NHSE Workforce, Training and Education
 - NHS England or other NHS organisations
 - NHS Education Scotland (NES)
 - Lead Post Graduate Dean for Public Health
 - Local Government Association
 - Universities
 - Ministry of Defence
 - Health and Care Professions Council

Risk Management

The success of the Curriculum Review will be dependent on the volunteers joining the Curriculum Review Working Group and drafting the curriculum based on the feedback we receive during the consultation process. With increasingly demanding workloads, there is a possibility that members of the working group will struggle to find the time to contribute to this process.

Membership of Curriculum Review Working & Steering Group

Curriculum Review Steering Group

The FPH Curriculum Review Steering Group (CRSG) is responsible for overseeing the curriculum review process on behalf of the FPH Education Committee. The CRSG is a sub-committee of the FPH Education Committee. Additional representation on this group maybe introduced as the needs of the process dictate.

Membership includes representation from:

- Chair of Curriculum & Assessment Committee
- Academic Registrar
- FPH Director of Training
- FPH Board
- Heads of school
- Specialty Registrar Committee
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- England
- Northern Ireland
- Wales

- Royal College of General Practitioners
- Dental Public Health
- UKHSA
- UKPHR
- Public Health Wales
- Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland
- Public Health Scotland
- External Educationalist
- Lay Member

Curriculum Review working Group

When conducting the Curriculum review the FPH Curriculum & Assessment committee will become the Curriculum Review Working Group (CRWG). This group is responsible for drafting consultation content, analysing feedback and drafting the curriculum.

- SRC/Registrars
- TPD/HOS
- Supervisors
- Public Health Educators in Medical Schools Special Interest Group
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- External Educationalist