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From the President

Of all the words used to describe the NHS as it celebrates its 60th anniversary, I think one of the most quintessential is 'precious'. It is without doubt a national treasure to be cherished and valued.

Of course, it's far from perfect – still falling short in terms of health improvement, health protection and health equity. But in what it stands for and what it has achieved, it remains truly remarkable.

In a sense, those first 60 years were the easy ones, and the NHS now finds itself the victim of its own success. Ever increasing demands and spiralling costs are putting unprecedented strains on the NHS system. Wanless made clear that its survival depends on a 'fully engaged' shift towards prevention.

Successive governments have tinkered with the NHS machinery and now it's Lord Darzi's turn. His dream is quality - enhanced patient experience and improved outcomes – with clinicians as the key drivers. He wants greater choice and flexibility in primary care and an NHS Constitution that reflects values, rights and responsibilities.

From his work so far, there doesn't seem to be much public health in Darzi. A nod towards prevention, but no decisive shift to health improvement. There seems little on the role of the NHS in health protection and scant recognition of the public health role in commissioning.

But we'll have to see what's in his Next Stage Review published this afternoon. Our job will be to use our skills and expertise to make sure that Darzi does work for public health. Not just in improving and protecting the health of the people, but also in contributing to the future success and survival of our cherished NHS.

If you would like to contribute to our response to Darzi's Next Stage Review please email policy@fph.org.uk by Wednesday 2nd July.

Alan

Your chance to 'green-up' the NHS

FPH has welcomed the publication of a new strategy to reduce the carbon footprint of the NHS in England.

[Saving Carbon, Improving Health: A Carbon Reduction Strategy for the NHS in England](#) was launched by the Sustainable Development Unit and adds to the growing tide of opinion that the NHS - and the wider health community - must take the lead in the climate change and sustainable development agendas.

FPH will be responding to the consultation and wants to hear your views. To contribute to the consultation, please send your comments to comments@fph.org.uk.

However, it really is important that we all respond to this consultation - numbers count! - so please try to submit your views in any way you can.

Note: FPH has published a practical guide to tackling climate change within the NHS - [Sustaining a Healthy Future](#) - which could help with your response.

FPH Prizewinners

We would like to congratulate all those who were awarded prizes at the FPH Conference in Cardiff in June:

- **Professor Stephen Palmer** - Awarded the prestigious Alwyn Smith Prize for outstanding contribution to the health of the public by either research or practice in community medicine. Professor Palmer was also recognised for his work in leading the development and co-ordination of local and regional services of the Health Protection Agency and his innovative approach in improving front-line operations.
- **Dr Fiona Grayston** - Awarded the Sir John Brotherston Prize for her essay: '*A Study of Rotavirus Gastroenteritis in Gibraltar - is there Evidence to support the introduction of a National Rotavirus vaccinations programme in Gibraltar?*'
- **Dr Wai Hung Leung** - Awarded the Michael O'Brien Prize for his outstanding performance in the Part A MFPH examination.
- **Mr Jonathan Gribbin & Dr William Welfare** - Jointly received the McEwen Award for the highest scores in the Part B MFPH (OSPHE) Examination.
- **Ms Leonie Miller** - Awarded the Cochrane Prize to undertake her proposed educational activity in the field of public health medicine.

Wilfrid Harding Prize 2009

Nominations are invited for the Wilfrid Harding Faculty Prize 2009.

This prize is awarded biennially for effort and achievement on behalf of FPH (for example, contributions to public health training, further education activities, health promotion, promotion of public health in regions/countries, representation of the Faculty on outside bodies or inquiries).

Nominations can be made by regional/country committees, FPH standing committees and individual members of the Faculty. If more than one nomination is submitted these should be placed in priority order.

The **deadline for nominations is 5 November 2008**. Please see the [FPH website](#) for further details.

EARLY WARNING! Consultants' clinical excellence/distinction awards

Beginning with the 2009 round, applications for FPH support for national-level consultants' clinical excellence awards (England and Wales) and distinction awards (Scotland) will be invited from all Faculty members directly into the Faculty instead of via a local, regional or country process.

The change is intended to provide an equal opportunity for all eligible consultants to apply for FPH support and to remove any perceived differences in the current local processes. The

Faculty Adviser will have a local facilitating role in order to help eligible Faculty members in their constituencies to apply for Faculty support.

Please note that the [English ACCEA](#) and the [Welsh ACCEA](#) have each brought forward their closing date for receipt of consultants' applications for the 2009 awards round.

The SACDA timetable has not yet been agreed but their closing date is likely to be in the last week of January 2009. The new SACDA online system is going live for the 2009 awards round and will be available from October 2008. Please refer to the [SACDA website](#) for further updates.

The earlier national closing dates for England and Wales mean that the Faculty's closing date (including for Scotland) will need to be commensurately earlier. Further details and Faculty guidance will be available via future email bulletins.

FPH EU Policy Officer sought

The Faculty of Public Health wishes to appoint an EU Policy Advisor to report to both the Public Health Policy Committee and the International Committee on relevant issues at the European Union (EU) level.

Please download the [Terms of Reference](#) for the position for further details.

Deadline for applications is 25 July 2008.

FPH lay proofreader sought

A lay member is required by the Faculty of Public Health (FPH) Examination Question Development Committee.

Your help is sought in finding an appropriate candidate. **Please forward this information to anyone you believe may be suitable and interested.**

We are looking for someone with an excellent grasp of English language, who pays meticulous attention to detail, and who has the ability to work to tight timescales. Some experience of medical and/or public health material is desirable but definitely not essential, and the work would suit persons from a wide variety of professional backgrounds.

The post is not remunerated but travelling and other reasonable expenses are paid.

Download the [full job description](#) for further details.

Deadline for applications is Thursday 31 July 2008

Scottish annual public health conference

This year's Annual Scottish Public Health Conference is being held at the Macdonald **Aviemore Highland Resort on 13 and 14 November 2008.**

The theme of this year's conference "Forging New Collaborations", recognises the importance of local and strategic interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of the public, as well as the wider impact of climate, demographic, social and technological change.

For further information see: www.publichealthconferences.org.uk/scotland_2008

Project Leader – Climate Change and the Public Health Workforce Secondment opportunity - 6 months

This exciting opportunity has arisen from collaboration around climate change and health between the Department of Health, the UK Public Health Association the Faculty of Public Health, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and the NHS Sustainable Development Unit.

It is intended that the project will focus on organising training and developing the public health workforce to become active and influential leaders in combating climate change and countering its negative impacts on human health. The UKPHA will co-ordinate the project and the post holder will report to the CEO of the UKPHA and will be accountable to the Project Steering Group.

For further details please [download the job description](#). The deadline for applications is 7 July 2008.

Resources - top tip guides for health

Public health professionals have done an excellent job in describing the health needs of communities, what needs to change, and by how much. However a continuing challenge is identifying the actions required to deliver change.

A series of guides commissioned by the Cheshire and Merseyside Directors of Public Health from Liverpool Public Health Observatory aim to answer this challenge.

These "top tips" guides aim to support partners promote health and wellbeing in a variety of settings. The two guides produced so far are **Top Tips for Healthier Hospitals** (November 2006) and **Top Tips for Health in Local Authorities** (November 2007). Top Tips for Healthy Workplaces will be published in the summer.

Download the full reports and the executive summaries at:
www.nwph.net/champs/publications.

Events

July 2008

[Healthy Towns = Healthy People](#)

3 July 2008
London
Living Streets

[Fat chances - What is the future of health and food?](#)

7-8 July 2008
West Bromwich
Sandwell's Other Economic Summit 6

September 2008

[Third Oxford Health and Homelessness Conference](#)

16 September 2008
Oxford
University of Oxford

[Health Protection 2008](#)

15-17 September 2008
University of Warwick
Health Protection Agency

[Society for Social Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting 2008](#)

17-19 September 2008
University of Southampton
Society for Social Medicine

[World Social Marketing Conference](#)

29-30 September 2008
Brighton & Hove
National Social Marketing Centre

OCTOBER 2008

**[Health Impact Assessment & Sustainable Well-being
9th International HIA conference](#)**

9-10 October 2008
Liverpool
IMPACT, University of Liverpool

[Priorities 2008](#)

29-31 October 2008
Conference of the International Society for Priorities in Health Care
Newcastle Gateshead

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