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## FPH Sustainable Development Special Interest Group

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Meeting Notes 21 October 2019, 14:00 to 16:00 (by teleconference)

Attendance	
Chair	Jeremy Wight (JW): Email: <a href="mailto:jeremywight73@gmail.com">jeremywight73@gmail.com</a>
Vice Chair	Helen Ross (HR): Email: <a href="mailto:hross2@myphone.coop">hross2@myphone.coop</a>
Wales representative	
Resources lead	Jenny Griffiths
SD Registrars network	Anna Brook, Ruth Speare
Housing lead	Ruth Gelletlie
FPH Director Education, Standards & Advocacy	Julian Ryder
Public Health England	Emer O'Connell
Members	Paul Southon, Emma O'Connell, Veronica Dent, Aphra Garner-Purkiss, Emma Sherriff, Emily Dobell
<b>Apologies received:</b> <b>FPH Board lead</b> Food SIG Scotland representative Members	Sue Atkinson (SA) Kristin Bash & Amanda Donnelly Phil Mackie Bharat Pankhania, Dawn Jenkin, Emily Stevenson, Lucy Gavens, Rebecca Campbell, Yannish Naik, Emma Savage, Maddy Shotri, Dawn Jenkin, Anya Gopfert, Emily Stephenson, Izzy Braithwaite

No	Agenda Items	Decisions / Actions	Lead
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Jeremy welcomed Julian Ryder to the SIG meeting as the new Director Education, Standards & Advocacy.	JW
2	Notes of the meeting held 22 July 2019	Agreed	All

3	Matters arising not on the agenda	Daily Mile sponsorship by INEOS: PFPH is awaiting a response from ADPH, but will write to Daily Mile in any case.	JW/ President
4	<b>Workplan update</b>	<p>See table below:</p> <p>Dominic Harrison (DPH Blackburn with Darwen) has suggested that there should be a statutory duty on all DsPHs to write about Climate Change in their annual reports with a scoring system for reporting. Emma Savage is taking this forward. North West – CPD session in January. Linking in with WHO. Happy to work with others.</p> <p><b>Agreed that this will become 12<sup>th</sup> point in workplan.</b></p> <p>JW reported that he had discussed getting this obligation put into the Environment Bill, with Nicky Philpott (UKHACC).</p> <p>Darryl Quantz had e mailed to suggest that the Sustainable Development Assessment Tool for Local Authorities (<a href="https://www.sduhealth.org.uk/sdat/resources.aspx">https://www.sduhealth.org.uk/sdat/resources.aspx</a>) be adapted for this purpose. (This is used by NHS orgs for all their reporting, aligns with the UN SD goals, and it would be a great chance to align local authority action with that of the Sustainable Development Unit if this could be adapted for local authorities. Provides a nationally developed template for assessing where LAs are at, measuring progress and reporting.</p>	All  All / ES JW /NP (UKHACC)
5	<b>Election of new chair for SIG</b>	To be eligible, applicants need to be members or fellows of the FPH. Contact JW for an informal discussion if you are interested in taking up this important role. Ideas – Sir Harry Burns, Michael Marmot, Gabrielle Scally, Paul Cosford, Paul Davidson, Fiona Adshead.	JW
6	<b>Communications</b>	Ideas about which Carbon calculator to use requested from delegates at the FPH SD SIG workshop in Glasgow. HR to send ideas to FPH when received.	HR
		JW reported concern and correspondence about how official bodies (PH, Medical) view doctors and other specialists who may be arrested as a result of protest. Simon Hailstone had suggested a simple survey of such bodies be undertaken. JW to circulate details and see if anyone interested in taking this up.	JW
7	<b>Updates:</b>		
	Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland	Nothing reported.	
	Sustainable Development Unit	Kim Croasdale and Sonia Roshnik pushing sustainability as part of long term plan (LTP). The new NHSE/I regions are being asked to nominate a lead. In some cases this is the RDPH, in others not.	

		NHS confederation holding a meeting on sustainability and the LTP for NEDs on Wednesday.	
	Public Health England	<p>PHE is getting to grips with new structures. <b>Action</b> – send organogram of structure to HR (c/f from last meeting).</p> <p><b>Emer O’Connell:</b> Climate change – focusing on research. Extending adverse weather plans.</p> <p>Can support Public Health and Local Authorities to take action. Opportunity to reframe – open to suggestions. The acknowledgement of the Climate Emergency is putting pressure on.</p> <p><b>Also agreed that Net Zero Carbon objective to be added to next year’s workplan.</b></p> <p><b>Ideas for other workplan objectives 2020 to be sent to JW</b></p>	<p>Mike Gent</p> <p>JW All</p>
	UK Health Alliance on Climate Change – incl registrar placements	<p>Thanks to both Julian Ryder who represented FPH at the UKHACC meeting and Sue Atkinson (FPH board member) who also attended. See the report at the end of this document.</p> <p>Key point – FPH to continue membership within the revised governance.</p>	
	FPH matters	<p>Should FPH declare a Climate Emergency? If so what would we expect to be done? What would it mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a sub committee</li> <li>• Develop an action plan to target net zero actions</li> <li>• Develop a checklist for 30 actions that Public Health / Local Authorities / the NHS can take.</li> <li>• Small group to liaise – Jenny, Helen, Jeremy – to start the ball rolling.</li> </ul> <p>JW to write to Maggie Rae (FPH president).</p>	<p>JG/HR/ JW JW/MR</p>
	Specialist Registrar’s Sustainable Development Network	<p>Maisie van Schalkwyk and Alice Monroe taking over leadership.</p> <p>Action: encourage them to attend and report.</p>	<p>Emily Stephenson Anna Brook</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. COP in Glasgow November 2020. Agenda tightly controlled however Health should have a voice either in the main COP or the fringe. Work in partnership with others e.g UKHACC, Climate &amp; Health contacts. Claire Perry is to chair the COP.</li> <li>2. Chris Whitty – new Medical Director for England would be sympathetic to this agenda. Would FPH set up a meeting with him regarding joining up Health and Climate Change agendas? JW to ask PFPH if she would meet him.</li> </ol> <p>Note: CMO for Scotland - Catherine Calderwood, CMO Northern Ireland - Dr Michael McBride, CMO Wales - Dr Frank Atherton.</p>	<p>JW/MR</p>

		<p>3. Ruth Speare: - How can we develop a positive vision for action on climate change whilst acknowledging the negatives?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenny – does this through working locally.</li> <li>• Jonathan Porritt’s “The world we made” book describes “a sustainable world that is prosperous, exciting and healthy.”</li> <li>• Naomi Kline’s book On Fire “explains how the bold ideas and action within the Green New Deal could avert climate catastrophe and be a blueprint for a just and thriving society.”</li> <li>• Mike Bernard Lee “There is No Planet B” “you'll find practical and even inspiring ideas for what you can actually do to help humanity thrive on this - our only – planet”.</li> <li>• David Wallace Wells “The Uninhabitable Earth” we have provoked a climate system that will now go to war with us for many centuries, perhaps until it destroys us. In the meantime, it will remake us, transforming every aspect of the way we live-the planet no longer nurturing a dream of abundance, but a living nightmare.”</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that we would look at the idea of developing a resource along these lines utilising the wellbeing agenda.</p>	
9	<p><b>Next meetings: 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Meetings will be held at 2pm, venues tbc, in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month i.e.:</b></p> <p><b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>  <b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	All