



Minutes

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board
Date Wednesday 24 October 2018

Present	Dame Julia Goodfellow	Chair, PHE Advisory Board
	Michael Brodie	Finance and Commercial Director
	Paul Cosford	Director of Health Protection and Medical Director
	Yvonne Doyle	Director, London
	Richard Gleave	Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer
	Sian Griffiths	Non-executive
	Sir Derek Myers	Non-executive
	Richard Parish	Non-executive
	Duncan Selbie	Chief Executive
In attendance	Lee Bailey	Director of Communications
	Viv Bennett	Chief Nurse and Director for Maternity and Early Years
	Derrick Crook	Director, National Infection Service, PHE
	Richard Gleave	Deputy Chief Executive, PHE
	James Gore	Chief Executive, Faculty of Public Health
	Martin Hindle	Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk Committee
	Adrian Masters	Director of Strategy, PHE
	John Newton	Director for Health Improvement
	Chrissie Pickin	Executive Director of Health and Wellbeing, Public Health Wales
	Simon Reeve	Department of Health and Social Care
Rachel Scott	Board Secretary, PHE	
Alex Sienkiewicz	Director of Corporate Affairs, PHE	
Apologies	George Griffin	Non-executive
	Michael Hearty	Associate non-executive
	Poppy Jaman	Non-executive

There were two members of the public present.

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

- 18/076 Apologies were noted. The Chair of the Advisory Board declared that the Royal Society of Biology, of which she was President, received sponsorship for some of its events from Porton Biopharma Ltd.

The Chair of the Advisory Board reported that she continued to undertake a series of induction meetings, including externally with the President and Chief Executive of the Association of Directors of Public Health and the ALB Chairs group, who had recently met the Secretary of State.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- 18/077 The minutes of the meetings held on 23 May and 18 July (enclosures PHE/18/17 and

PHE/18/18) were agreed as accurate records. There were no matters arising.

Directors' Updates

18/078 The Chief Nurse and Director of Maternity and Early Years advised that:

- a) the work of the Maternity Transformation Programme in England continued. PHE supported the promotion of prevention in maternity services and, in promotion of this, nine events were planned across the country;
- b) as part of its programme of work to support the Best Start in Life, PHE had provided written evidence to the recent Select Committee inquiry. It was also confirmed that PHE would support the inclusion of early years in the development of the forthcoming NHS Long Term Plan;
- c) PHE was taking part in the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Adverse Experiences in Childhood (ACEs) later on in the day. These discussions would focus on how interventions and actions were implemented across the health system;
- d) PHE had recently viewed its Safeguarding arrangements. PHE's Audit and Risk Committee had also received an annual report on progress with a further update planned in spring 2019; and
- e) PHE had presented to the World Health Organisation on the range of work undertaken by its nursing staff. It was also reported that Nursing NOW would be celebrating the "Year of the Nurse" in 2020.

18/079 The Director, London advised that:

- a) PHE's Centre and Regions were developing a piece of work on What Good Looks Like in support of its work with local government;
- b) the London Mayor supported intervention in the early years and the recently published Health Inequalities Strategy for London had a focus on this;
- c) PHE supported the creation and work of the London violence reduction unit, which included a focus on the experiences of young people;
- d) PHE supported the London Mayor's proposed restrictions on advertising junk food on the TFL system. Work was underway to define the scope of the areas which would be restricted; and
- e) PHE continued to support the ongoing follow-up to the Grenfell fire. PHE continued to work with the relevant organisations on concerns that had been raised locally on soil-related issues, as well as with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser, as part of providing public health advice and reassurance to the community.

18/080 The Director of Health Protection and Medical Director advised that:

- a) PHE was developing its evidence review, commissioned through the annual remit letter, on the reduction of health harms caused by poor air quality;
- b) a new campaign had been launched to support the reduction of Anti-Microbial Resistance. This campaign had been underpinned by the detailed work on the

evidence base by the national team;

- c) preparations for the winter season continued, which included advice on vaccinations and immunisations for the coming year. This work was being undertaken in partnership with NHS England colleagues; and
- d) following the breast screening incident, the position had been reached where all those who needed to receive a screening invitation had been contacted. PHE had contributed fully to the independent external review and its report was expected at the end of November.

18/081 The Director, National Infection Service advised that:

- a) PHE had led the public health response to two high consequence infections (MERS-Coronavirus and Monkey Pox);
- b) work continued on the development of PHE's Infectious Disease Strategy. The key elements included: the prioritisation of monitoring and surveillance, ensuring this was carried out in a systematic and thoughtful way; developing the future workforce; and considering how services would be delivered in future; and
- c) arrangements for vaccines and countermeasures were robust and had been subject to an independent review.

18/082 The Director for Health Improvement advised that:

- a) PHE had taken part in World Mental Health Day, which included a Ministerial workshop on mental health;
- b) PHE had co-hosted a highly successful conference with the International Society for Physical Activity and Health that week. The event had three themes: addressing inequalities; translating evidence into policy; and the wider determinants of health;
- c) a long-term data sharing agreement had been developed with NHS Digital. This was working well and was critical to delivery of PHE's public health functions;
- d) an update on the Global Burden of Disease would be published in the Lancet the following day, which would feed into development of the NHS Long Term Plan;
- e) PHE's Health Inequalities Board, which oversaw work to reduce health inequalities, had been refreshed and its vision re-launched. The Chief Executive chairs this;
- f) the Secretary of State had commissioned PHE to prepare a reported into the Trends of Life Expectancy. This was currently going through the peer review process; and
- g) it had been announced that a consultation would be launched on the inclusion of Folic Acid in flour.

Chief Executive's Update

18/083 The Chief Executive advised that:

- a) he had co-chaired the Prevention and Personal Responsibility Workstream as part of the development of the NHS Long Term Plan. This was being developed concurrently with the Secretary of State's vision for prevention and would provide PHE with a strong platform for its work in future. It was anticipated that the NHS Long Term Plan would be published at the end of the year; and
- b) the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI) annual meeting would be held in London in early November. The PHE team had been leading arrangements with the IANPHI secretariat. The Secretary of State would open the meeting.

Update from Four Nations Observers

18/084 The Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing, Public Health Wales, advised that:

- a) Public Health Wales continued to provide advice to the Welsh Government on how best to embed prevention and its benefits for the NHS in Wales;
- b) Public Health Wales had supported the "Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales" consultation which had a focus on long-term, sustainable change for the prevention and reduction of obesity across Wales; and
- c) Public Health Wales had reached an agreed position of a 20 miles per hour speed limit in urban areas across Wales.

18/085 Professor Parish reported that the first meeting of the Four Nations Committee had taken place earlier that week and had started to think more fully about its terms of reference, its role and how it would operate in future. An update on the work of the Four Nations Committee would be shared with the Advisory Board.

Global Public Health Update

18/086 Professor Griffiths, Chair of the Global Health Committee advised that:

- a) the most recent Committee meeting included a focus on non-communicable disease;
- b) she had accompanied the Chief Executive and Director, London on a successful visit to China which included productive discussions with China CDC. A number of positive outcome and actions were being followed up as a result of the meetings;
- c) PHE's global health security work continued to provide support internationally, including to Japan in their preparations for the Olympics in 2020; and
- d) PHE's global health strategy was under development, in consultation with a number of stakeholders. This was ongoing work and the Advisory Board would have the opportunity to contribute as it developed.

PHE Harlow update

18/087 Martin Hindle, independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee and PHE Harlow Programme Board advised that work progressed well with the PHE Harlow programme and that members of the Audit and Risk Committee and PHE Harlow team had joined a meeting of the DHSC Audit and Risk Committee to discuss the

governance arrangements for the Harlow programme. These presentations had been well received. It was noted that further reviews of the programme arrangements would be undertaken by the Government's Infrastructure and Projects Authority.

Finance Report

18/088 The Finance report (enclosure PHE/18/19) was **NOTED**.

Information items

18/089 The Board noted the following information updates:

a) Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held in June 2018 (enclosure PHE/18/15). The Advisory Board noted its thanks to Michael Hearty for Chairing the Audit and Risk Committee on an interim basis while the process for appointing a permanent Chair of the Advisory Board was undertaken.

b) Advisory Board forward calendar (enclosure PHE/18/21)

Any other business

18/090 There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.50pm.

Rachel Scott
Board Secretary
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