



Minutes

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board
Date Wednesday 24 April 2019

Present	Dame Julia Goodfellow	Chair, PHE Advisory Board
	Michael Brodie	Finance and Commercial Director, PHE
	Yvonne Doyle	Director, London, PHE
	Richard Gleave	Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer, PHE
	George Griffin	Non-executive
	Poppy Jaman	Non-executive
	Sir Derek Myers	Non-executive
	Duncan Selbie	Chief Executive, PHE
In attendance	Louise Adkins	Ipsos MORI (for item 2)
	Lee Bailey	Director of Communications, PHE
	Viv Bennett	Chief Nurse and Director of Maternity and Early Years, PHE
	Martin Hindle	Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk Committee
	Steve Lee	Head of Diversity and Inclusion, PHE (for item 3a.)
	Adrian Masters	Director of Strategy, PHE
	John Newton	Director for Health Improvement, PHE
	Sharon Peacock	Director, National Infection Service, PHE
	Simon Reeve	Department of Health and Social Care
	Rachel Scott	Board Secretary, PHE
Alex Sienkiewicz	Director of Corporate Affairs, PHE	
Apologies	Paul Cosford	Director of Health Protection and Medical Director, PHE
	Sian Griffiths	Non-executive

There were four members of the public present.

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

- 19/023 Apologies were noted. There were no declarations of interest raised on matters related to the agenda.
- 19/024 The Chair reported that she had attended PHE's recent Public Health Research and Science Conference held in Manchester. The focus was on the application of scientific methods to protect and improve health, including the work of the NIHR Health Protection Research Units and other formal research partnerships. The Advisory Board noted its thanks to Professor Hannigan and Professor Oliver for leading the organisation of what was undoubtedly a successful conference.
- 19/025 She also reported that discussions continued with DHSC on the process to recruit and appoint new members of the Advisory Board, and it was expected that the roles would be advertised towards the end of the summer.

19/026 Professor Peacock was welcomed to her first meeting since her appointment as the interim Director of the National Infection Service.

Tracking PHE's reputation

19/027 Louise Adkins from Ipsos MORI presented the main findings of the sixth independent stakeholder survey (enclosure PHE/19/07):

- stakeholders continued to see PHE as independent, evidence based and credible;
- prevention was now on the national agenda in a way not seen previously; there was a sense of optimism about the endorsement by Government and the NHS of this through the prevention priorities included in the NHS Long Term Plan;
- 61% of stakeholders would speak highly of PHE, the second highest across public organisations surveyed over the last decade;
- stakeholders had complimented a range of PHE services, in particular, the health protection functions and contribution of intelligence and data to the sector. They talked positively about PHE's staff and senior leadership, acknowledging the high levels of expertise and passion held within the organisation;
- PHE was a favoured partner; 87% of stakeholders describe their working relationship as very good (44%) or fairly good (43%);
- the majority of stakeholders continued to feel that PHE had a positive impact on their work and organisation (82%, up from 77% in 2017/18)
- PHE's impact on the NHS is increasingly being recognised, (23%, up from 11% in 2017/18);
- some stakeholders would like earlier engagement with PHE, reflecting on the difference between genuine engagement and endorsement;
- stakeholders want to be both more involved in our work and also better sighted on forthcoming issues, announcements or publications; and
- PHE could do more to acknowledge the pressures and constraints facing local authorities in our work with them.

19/028 A discussion of the Advisory Board raised the following points:

- the ongoing positive trend in scores was to be commended and reflected the dedication and commitment of staff at all levels across the organisation;
- the findings had informed the 2019/20 PHE business plan;
- PHE's work with the NHS would be further strengthened in the coming year, in particular, through the re-establishment of the Regional Director of Public Health role in the new NHS regional management structure;
- the findings related to the style and impact of PHE staff were warmly welcomed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

19/029 The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2019 (enclosure PHE/19/08) were agreed as an accurate record.

Key Updates

19/030 An update was provided on the [Public-Sector Equality Duty Report](#) and the following points raised:

- a) the report for 2018 had been published and was available on gov.uk;

- b) the main action for 2019/20 being the continued delivery of PHE's five-point plan on diversity and inclusion; and
- c) PHE would continue to collaborate across the health and care sector and beyond to benchmark progress and ensure that best practice was implemented.

19/031 An update was provided on EU Exit and the following points raised:

- a) in agreement with colleagues at DHSC, PHE would retain a small EU Exit team to ensure a co-ordinated and managed approach; and
- b) PHE would establishing a nutritional claims committee funded by DHSC to manage relevant processes following EU Exit.

19/032 An update was provided on the recently published Hepatitis C in England: 2019 Report and the following points raised:

- a) PHE was a signatory of the WHO Strategy to reduce viral hepatitis. The report set out the steps and actions which would support delivery of the associated targets;
- b) there had been a 16% reduction in deaths over the previous year;
- c) PHE had a strong working relationship with NHS Blood and Transplant, sharing both data and an understanding of the targeted population; and
- d) the findings would be highlighted in the forthcoming Infection Disease Strategy.

19/033 An update was provided on All Our Health and the following points raised:

- a) the focus was on healthcare professionals working with patients and the population to prevent illness, protect health and promote wellbeing;
- b) work had taken place across a number of sectors to ensure that it was embedded;
- c) the associated resources, available on gov.uk, had received 250,000 unique views since it had been launched and continued to be promoted through PHE's communication channels; and
- d) the further development of All our Health was included in the PHE's business plan for 2019/20.

19/034 An update was provided on PHE Harlow and the following points raised:

- a) enabling works at the site had commenced; and
- b) the Programme Board continued to review the key milestones and costs, including with DHSC colleagues.

Chief Executive's Update

19/035 The Chief Executive advised that:

- a) PHE Business Plan for 2019/20 had been published; and

- b) he had recently met with the new Minister for Public Health, Seema Kennedy MP

PHE Budget 2019/20

- 19/036 The Finance and Commercial Director introduced PHE's budget for 2019/20 (enclosure PHE/19/09). This was the final budget of the current spending review period.
- 19/037 Preparation of the budget had taken place over the course of the year and had been closely aligned with the business planning process. The savings required of PHE were in line of the other ALBS and DHSC. PHE's income generation work and delivery of the Taxpayer Value Strategy also ensured that additional resource was invested in those activities devoted to improving the public's health.
- 19/038 The capital budget was 2019/20 included funding for PHE Harlow.
- 19/039 The Advisory Board **NOTED** the budget for 2019/20.

Finance Report

- 19/040 The Finance report (enclosure PHE/19/10) was **NOTED**.

Information items

- 19/041 The Board noted the following information updates:
- a) Advisory Board forward calendar (enclosure PHE/19/11)

Questions from members of the public

- 19/042 There was one question from members of the public, related as to how the future budgetary challenges would be faced by PHE. The work underway was set out in the Budget 2019/20 paper.

Any other business

- 19/043 There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Rachel Scott
Board Secretary
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