

Protecting and improving the nation's health

PHE Advisory Board Summary of In Committee discussions from September 2020-June 2021

Wednesday 22 September 2020

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee

Date Wednesday 22 September 2020

Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive

Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director for Health Protection Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer

Professor George Griffin Non-executive Professor Sian Griffiths Non-executive Sir Derek Myers Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Sheree Axon PHE Transition Director

Lee Bailey Director of Communications

Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early Years

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Michael Hearty Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Paul Johnstone National Director, Place and Regions

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Alex Sienkiewicz Director of Corporate Affairs

Apologies Paul Cosford Emeritus Medical Director

Dame Sue Bailey Non-Executive, DHSC (observer)

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and apologies were noted

COVID-19 response

An update was provided on PHE's continued contribution to the ongoing COVID-19 response, working with a number of partners, including NHS Test and Trace, SAGE and DHSC.

The Advisory Board noted the update and again passed its sincere thanks to all PHE staff for their work during the pandemic and those continuing the business as usual work.

Public health transition and reform

An update was provided on the public health transition.

Key updates

The Advisory Board noted the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- a) PHE Q3/Q4 plan;
- b) EU transition;
- c) Coronavirus dashboard;
- d) Winter planning; and
- e) PHE Science Hub.

Any other business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.10

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Title of meeting	Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee
Date	Wednesday 21 October 2020

Present	Dame Julia Goodfellow	Chair, PHE Advisory Board
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Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director for Health

Protection

Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating

Officer

George Griffin Non-executive
Sian Griffiths Non-executive
Sir Derek Myers Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director
Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Sheree Axon PHE Transition Director

Dame Sue Bailey Non-Executive, DHSC, (observer)

Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early

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Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Michael Hearty Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer

Jonathan Marron Director General of PPE and Public Health,

Department of Health and Social Care

Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Alex Sienkiewicz Director of Corporate Affairs
Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and the apologies were noted.

The Advisory Board reiterated their sincere thanks to all members of PHE staff who were continuing to support the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic and those supporting the urgent and essential business as usual work.

Public health transition and reform

The Advisory Board welcomed Jonathan Marron and he provided an update on the transition work being led by the Department of Health and Social Care. He passed on the Department's thanks to PHE staff for their continuing efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff health and wellbeing

The Chief People Officer provided an update on staff health and wellbeing. The Advisory Board had agreed that this was an important discussion considering the demands on staff responding to the ongoing pandemic and the impact of the organisational change announcements.

COVID-19 update

The following updates were provided in respect of PHE's contribution to the ongoing response:

- a) Vaccine implementation; and
- b) Work of PHE's health protection teams.

Key updates

The Advisory Board **NOTED** the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- a) Finance report:
- b) EU transition;
- c) Winter planning;
- d) Science Hub programme.

Any other business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.05

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee

Date Wednesday 18 November 2020

Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive

Yvonne Dovle Medical Director and Director for Health

Protection

Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating

Officer

George Griffin Non-executive
Sian Griffiths Non-executive
Michael Hearty Non-executive
Sir Derek Myers Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Sheree Axon PHE Transition Director

Lee Bailey Director of Communications

Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early

Years

Rob Boyett Deputy Director, Lessons Learned and Public

Inquiry team

Callum Chapman Emergency Preparedness Manager

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Kevin Fenton Director, London

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Paul Johnstone National Director, Place and Regions

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service

Emma Pawson Chief of Staff, London Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Alex Sienkiewicz Director of Corporate Affairs
Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Apologies Paul Cosford Emeritus Medical Director

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and the apologies were noted.

COVID-19 update

An update on PHE's contribution to the ongoing response was provided, including:

- a) Local and regional health protection teams;
- b) Vaccine development and deployment;
- c) Lateral flow testing;
- d) Deaths of people with learning disabilities report; and
- e) Children and young people.

Joint business plan – PHE and NHS Test and Trace

The integrated business plan for PHE and NHS Test and Trace was presented. This had been agreed by the executive teams of both organisations and represented the increasing integration and close working.

COVID-19 lessons identified

The Deputy Chief Executive provided an update on the COVID-19 lessons identified work.

Key updates

The Advisory Board noted the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- a) the recent publication Trends in HIV Testing, new diagnoses and people receiving HIV-related care in the United Kingdom was welcomed by the Advisory Board;
- b) Finance report;
- c) EU transition; and
- d) PHE Science Hub.

Public health reform and transition

It was reported that colleagues remained engaged with colleagues at the Department of Health and Social Care who were leading the transition.

Any other business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Wednesday 16 December 2020

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Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive
Paul Cosford Emeritus Medical Director

Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director for Health Protection

Paul Johnstone National Director, Place and Regions

Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer

George Griffin
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Michael Hearty
Sir Derek Myers
Non-executive
Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early Years

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Andrew Cooper Deputy Director Organisational Development and

Design

Kevin Fenton Director, London

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk Committee

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer

Jonathan Marron Director General, Public Health, DHSC

Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service

Emma Pawson Chief of Staff, London

John Polson Operational and Infrastructure Lead, Transition team

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Alex Sienkiewicz Director of Corporate Affairs
Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and the apologies were noted.

Public health reform and transition

The Advisory Board welcomed Jonathan Marron, who provided an update on the transition programme.

COVID-19 update

The following updates were noted regarding PHE's contribution to the ongoing response to the pandemic:

- a) Local and regional health protection teams;
- b) Vaccine development and deployment;
- c) Testing; and
- d) Support to schools and universities

The Advisory Board noted the updates and passed on its thanks to all staff for their ongoing commitment, dedication and professionalism with the continuing response to the pandemic and staff who continued to deliver PHE's urgent and essential functions outside of the response.

Key updates

The Advisory Board noted the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- a) Global public health;
- b) PHE Advisory Board finance report
- c) EU transition
- d) PHE Science Hub

PHE staff survey

The Advisory Board noted the staff survey results, which were encouraging given the challenges faced by staff during the year.

Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Wednesday 20 January 2021

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Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive
Sir Paul Cosford Emeritus Medical Director

Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director for Health Protection Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer

George Griffin
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Mon-executive
Michael Hearty
Sir Derek Myers
Non-executive
Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Lee Bailey Director of Communications

Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early Years
Robert Boyett Deputy Director, Lessons Learned and Public Inquiry

team

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk Committee

Susan Hopkins Chief Medical Advisor, NHS Test and Trace and

Deputy Director, PHE

Paul Johnstone National Director, Place and Regions Kate Lampard DHSC Lead Non-executive (observer)

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer

Jonathan Marron Director General of PPE and Public Health, DHSC

Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service

Frances Parry-Ford Head of Lessons Identified and Public Inquiry

Preparation Team

John Polson Operational and Infrastructure Lead, PHE Sender

Transition team

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Alex Sienkiewicz Director of Corporate Affairs
Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Gareth Thomas Deputy Director, Vaccines & Countermeasures

Response

Joanne Yarwood Head of Planning and Implementation, Immunisation

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and the apologies were noted.

The Advisory Board passed on their warmest congratulations to Professor Sir Paul Cosford following his recognition in the New Years Honours list.

The Chair welcomed Kate Lampard, lead non-executive at DHSC to her first Advisory Board meeting. This continued the arrangement where members of the DHSC Board would join meetings of ALBs to better understand their work. It was hoped that a member of the DHSC Board would join future Advisory Board meetings.

In advance of the main presentation, the Advisory Board passed on their sincere thanks to all members of staff for their ongoing work across PHE, supporting the ongoing pandemic response, continuing business as usual work and supporting vaccine deployment.

COVID-19 vaccine deployment

An update was provided by colleagues who had been leading PHE's vaccine deployment.

The Advisory Board noted the excellent progress and thanked teams for their ongoing work.

Public health reform and transition

Jonathan Marron joined the meeting and provided an update on the public health reform programme.

Key updates

The Advisory Board noted the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- a) EU transition; and
- b) PHE Science Hub

COVID-19 update

The Advisory Board noted the following updates on PHE's ongoing contribution to the pandemic response:

- a) Local and regional health protection teams;
- a) Genomics;
- c) Testing; and
- d) Support to schools and universities.

PHE finance report

The Advisory Board noted the monthly finance report.

Interim Chief Executive update

The interim Chief Executive reported that PHE had launched new wellbeing campaigns over the new year, including the Better Health campaign and Every Mind Matters campaign.

Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.28pm.

Wednesday 17 February 2021

Title of meeting	Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee
Date	Wednesday 17 February 2021

Present	Dame Julia Goodfellow	Chair, PHE Advisory Board
	Michael Brodie	Interim Chief Executive

Sir Paul Cosford Emeritus Medical Director Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director

Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director for Health Protection Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer Non-executive

Sian Griffiths
Michael Hearty
Sir Derek Myers
Non-executive
Non-executive
Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Lee Bailey Director of Communications

Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early Years

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Gina Coladangelo
Kevin Fenton
Lynn Fox

DHSC Non-executive (observer)
Regional Director, London
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Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk Committee

Paul Johnstone National Director, Place and Regions

Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service

Frances Parry-Ford Head of Lessons Identified and Public Inquiry

Preparation Team

John Polson Operational and Infrastructure Lead, PHE Sender

Transition team

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Paul Sutton Director of PHE Emergency Response Department

Alex Sienkiewicz Director of Corporate Affairs
Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Charles Turner Operations Manager

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and the apologies were noted.

The Chair welcomed Gina Coladangelo to her first meeting. Gina had joined the DHSC Board as a Non-Executive in September 2020 and was joining the meeting as part of the ongoing arrangements to support close working arrangements.

Public health reform and transition

The Director of Strategy provided an update on transition.

Preparation for future public inquiry

The Deputy Chief Executive set out PHE's plans for preparing for a future public inquiry.

COVID-19 update

The Advisory Board noted the following updates on PHE's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- a) Response to variants;
- b) local and Regional health protection teams;
- c) Support to schools and universities; and
- d) Vaccine deployment.

Key updates

The Advisory Board noted the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- a) PHE Science Hub; and
- b) Global public health update.

Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Wednesday 24 March 2021

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee

Date Wednesday 24 March 2021

Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive
Sir Paul Cosford Emeritus Medical Director

Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director for Health Protection Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer

George Griffin Non-executive Sian Griffiths Non-executive Michael Hearty Non-executive

Sir Derek Myers Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Sheree Axon Director of Transition

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary
Alexia Clifford Director of Social Marketing

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk Committee

Susan Hopkins Interim Chief Medical Adviser

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Alex Sienkiewicz Director of Corporate Affairs
Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and the apologies were noted. Alexia Clifford was welcomed to her first meeting of the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board warmly welcomed the announcement of Dr. Jenny Harries as the incoming Chief Executive of the newly formed UK Health Security Agency, and Ian Peters as the Chair of its Advisory Board. It was reported that Jenny and Ian would be formally introduced to all PHE and NHS Test and Trace staff that afternoon.

This was an important step and announcement for the future and direction of health protection. Equally welcomed was the forthcoming announcements, expected early the following week regarding the transition and future arrangements for health improvement and healthcare public health functions.

COVID-19 Update

The Director for Health Protection and Medical Director provided a summary update on PHE's ongoing contribution to the COVID-19 response.

The Advisory Board noted the update and passed on their thanks to all teams across PHE for their ongoing work and contributions to the response.

PHE 2021/22 Financial Budget

The Advisory Board noted:

- a) The budget for the incoming year; and
- b) the current in year position as set out in the routine finance report.

Vaping in England: evidence update February 2021

The Director for Health Improvement presented on the annual update of PHE's ecigarette evidence review report. This formed part of a series of independent reports commissioned by PHE to summarise the evidence on vaping products.

Key updates

The Advisory Board noted the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- a) PHE Science Hub; and
- b) Global public health update.

Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Wednesday 21 April 2021

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee

Date Wednesday 21 April 2021

Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive

Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer

George Griffin Non-executive
Sian Griffiths Non-executive
Sir Derek Myers Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director
Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Gayatri Amirthalingam Consultant Epidemiologist

Sheree Axon Director of Transition

Penny Bevan Public Health and Clinical Advisor, DHSC

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Gina Coladangelo DHSC, Non-executive (observer)

Kevin Fenton Director, London, Region

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Paul Johnstone National Director, Place and Regions

Georgia Klein Head of Strategic Planning and Performance

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Deputy Director, Strategy

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Apologies Michael Hearty Non-executive

Sir Paul Cosford

Tributes were paid to Professor Sir Paul Cosford, both as a commensurate public health professional, and who embodied the epitome of PHE's values and behaviours. He would be very much missed by all his colleagues at PHE.

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all participants and the apologies were noted.

Public health reform and transition update

The Chief People Officer provided an update on the ongoing public health reforms.

COVID-19 update

The following updates were provided in respect of PHE's contribution to the ongoing response:

- a) Universal testing; and
- b) Vaccine safety.

Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Wednesday 12 May 2021

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee

Date Wednesday 12 May 2021

Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive

Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director of Health Protection Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer

George Griffin Non-executive
Sian Griffiths Non-executive
Michael Hearty Non-executive
Sir Derek Myers Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director Rashmi Shukla National Director, Place and Regions

In attendance Sheree Axon Director of Transition

Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early

Years

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Gina Coladangelo DHSC, Non-executive (observer)

Sarah Fisher-Mackey
Jenny Harries

Deputy Director, Strategy
Chief Executive, UKHSA

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Susan Hopkins Chief Medical Advisor, NHS Test and Trace and

Deputy Director, PHE

Paul Johnstone National Director, Place and Regions Jonathan Marron Director General, Public Health, DHSC

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

Karen Murrell Deputy Director, Marketing - Partnerships

John Newton Director of Health Improvement Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service

Ian Peters Chair, UKHSA Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and the apologies were noted.

UK Health Security Agency

The Advisory Board welcomed Jenny Harries, Chief Executive and Ian Peters, Chair of UKHSA. Jenny and Ian provided Advisory Board members with an overview of the scope, ambition and culture of the new organisation.

Public health reform and transition

Jonathan Marron, Director General for Public Health, DHSC joined the Advisory Board to provide an update on the broader public health reform programme.

Farewell to Rashmi Shukla and Sir Derek Myers

The Advisory Board paid tribute to both Rashmi Shukla and Sir Derek Myers as it was their final Advisory Board meeting.

Wednesday 16 June 2021

Title of meeting Public Health England Advisory Board in Committee

Date Wednesday 16 June 2021

Present Dame Julia Goodfellow Chair, PHE Advisory Board

Michael Brodie Interim Chief Executive

Yvonne Doyle Medical Director and Director of Health

Protection

Richard Gleave Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating

Officer

George Griffin Non-executive
Sian Griffiths Non-executive
Michael Hearty Non-executive

Donald Shepherd Finance and Commercial Director

In attendance Sheree Axon Director of Transition

Viv Bennett Chief Nurse and Director, Maternity and Early

Years

Viv Brealey Deputy Director, Communications

Andrea Clapton Deputy Board Secretary

Andrew Cooper Deputy Director, Organisational Design and

Development

Gina Coladangelo DHSC, Non-executive (observer)

Martin Hindle Independent member, PHE Audit and Risk

Committee

Deborah McKenzie Chief People Officer Cathy Morgan Director of Strategy

Karen Murrell Deputy Director, Marketing - Partnerships

John Newton Director of Health Improvement
Isabel Oliver Director, National Infection Service
Graham Reid Public Health Systems team, DHSC

Rachel Scott Board Secretary

Neil Squires Director of Global Public Health

Announcements, apologies, declarations of interest

The apologies were noted, and all attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

COVID-19 update

The Director of Health Protection and Medical Director provided an update on PHE's contribution to the ongoing pandemic response.

Public health reform and transition

The Transition Director provided an update on the work of the PHE central sender programme.

Consultation and support for PHE Staff

The Chief people Officer set out the plans for the launch of the consultation which was due on 30 June 2021.

Finance Report

The Advisory Board noted the monthly report.

Key Updates

The Advisory Board **NOTED** the updates on the following key strategic and operational issues:

- c) PHE Science Hub; and
- d) Global Public Health update.

Any other business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30

Rachel Scott

Board Secretary July 2021