

New Directors for our Board – and farewell to good friends

UKPHR is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Directors. The appointments were made by the Board, following an open recruitment process, at its Annual General Meeting held in London on Thursday 29 September.

The Board also said goodbye to three very experienced and successful Directors in Chair Professor Bryan Stoten, Vice Chair Professor Linda Jones and Jeremy Hawker. Bryan Stoten joined the Board in 2012 and was responsible for a major overhaul of and improvement in UKPHR's governance arrangements during his period as Chair.

Executive Director David Kidney says UKPHR has much to thank Bryan Stoten for:

“Bryan has been a dynamic and forceful Chair who has led UKPHR through a period of necessarily rapid and comprehensive change. His post as Chair was unremunerated yet he gave this work the same level of professionalism and expertise that he previously gave to his previous paid offices. Having worked closely with Bryan over a number of key issues, I can only thank him sincerely for his guidance – including a firm steer from time to time when absolutely necessary!”

Bryan Stoten paid tribute to his fellow Directors who were standing down also:

“Linda Jones has been my Vice Chair for the past 2 years and she has worked tirelessly for UKPHR, particularly with respect to the growing trend towards practitioner registration. There is a large front-line core public health workforce which UKPHR ought to be registering and Linda gets the significance of the need for their registration. Jeremy Hawker, as a former Registrar of the Faculty of Public Health, has been an invaluable presence on the Board of UKPHR especially through a time when we have been focused on improving our processes and registration services. I thank both Linda and Jeremy for their support for me as Chair and for UKPHR as an organisation. Their dedication and commitment has been exemplary.”

As a result of the new Board appointments, UKPHR is delighted to welcome onto the Board:

JENNY DOUGLAS, Senior Lecturer in Health Promotion at The Open University and previous Director of Health Promotion at Sandwell Health Authority.

RUTH FREEMAN, Professor of Dental Health Research at the University of Dundee and Honorary Consultant in Dental Public Health, NHS Tayside.

ANDREW JONES, Deputy Director of Public Health Services and Director of Integrated Health Protection at Public Health Wales. Previously, Executive Director of Public Health, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Everyone at UKPHR wishes the three new Directors a warm welcome and wishes them every success and satisfaction in their new posts. We also join with our outgoing Chair Bryan Stoten in saying a hearty “thank you” to Linda and Jeremy and of course a big, big thank you to Bryan himself.

The new Chair of UKPHR’s Board is PATRICK SAUNDERS. Patrick was first appointed to the Board in 2013 and has most recently chaired the Board’s Audit & Risk Committee and the Remuneration Committee. Patrick is Visiting Professor of the Public Health University of Staffordshire, Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Birmingham and Associate Director of WHO Collaborating Centre.

The new Vice Chair of UKPHR’s Board is CLAIRE COTTER. Claire was first appointed to the Board in 2013 as representative of practitioner registrants. Claire has been leading the review of the Public Health Skills & Knowledge Framework for Public Health England.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

1. The UK Public Health Register (UKPHR) is the independent regulator for the public health workforce in the UK. It operates a register accredited by Professional Standards Authority for professionals who work in public health. It is a Registered Charity.
2. UKPHR has been registering public health specialists since 2003. In more recent times UKPHR has commenced registration in respect of public health practitioners and Public Health Specialty Registrars.
3. The public health workforce is multi-disciplinary and employers, including local authorities can look to registration as an assurance of competence.
4. The main purpose of the regulation of members of the public health workforce is to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public. Regulation is important to protect the public, individually and collectively, from bad, harmful and professionally unacceptable public health practice. UKPHR achieves this by ensuring registrants achieve and maintain requisite standards of competence, knowledge and experience as well as adhere to agreed standards of ethical practice.
5. UKPHR is in law a Company limited by Guarantee and its governance is in the hands of a Board of Directors (a maximum of 12 Directors). UKPHR is registered at Companies House. It is also a registered charity in England & Wales and in Scotland. Its register is additionally accredited by the Professional Standards Authority under a statutory scheme.

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