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Agenda

Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care Annual General Meeting 2023

Held on 23rd January 2024 at 17:30 hours
At the GB Ong Room, RCSEd Edinburgh and via TEAMS

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6.	Any Other Business – to be notified at the start of the meeting
7.	Date of Next Meeting - TBA

Draft Minutes

Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care Annual General Meeting 2022

Held on 24th January 2023 at 17:30 hours
The King Khalid Building RCSEd and via TEAMS

Present: P Hardy (PH) , A Smith (AS) , P Holden (PJPH), C Shaw (CS) , A Pountney (AP), J Barratt, J Birks, L Bland, J Carrie, N Castle, J Cook, N Crombie, P Dilloway, M Esposito, E Freshwater, J Hickman, P Hyde, J Klein, S Lewis, D J Lockey, R Mackenzie, L Merry, F Moore, J Raitt, S Riley, Z Smeed, R Fairhurst, A Smith, C Smith, A Thurgood, D Bruce, M Eccles, M Tonkin, P Williams, S Rahman, N Howes, S Arundell, D Kerr, A W Smith.

FPHC Office: E Stevenson (ES), S Joyce (SJ)

Apologies: J Hall, C Leech, D Goodsman, M Gibson, K Porter

No.	Item
1.	Apologies
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting – 9th November 2021 The Minutes from the meeting conducted on 9th November 2021 were accepted without amendment as a true and accurate record. Query raised regarding a date amendment re AGM 2020, possible typo. PH confirmed this will be amended. PH approved the Minutes.
3.	Annual Report PH stated the Annual Report was available on the website and a copy had been circulated to attendees and all members.
4.	Office Bearers Reports
4.1	Chair's Report PH welcomed everybody to her first FPHC AGM as chair, taking place within constitution and time scales as required. Reports have been circulated and won't be visible on screen for the meeting. No changes have been proposed this year to any of the constitution. PH confirmed the meeting would follow previous format of an overview with individual reports not spoken to. PH drew attention to the amazing amount of work that has taken place within exceptional times post-pandemic and ongoing health and emergency services pressures. The strategy day held in Birmingham went ahead and although ambitious, we need to remain realistic due to time constraints of all those contributing their time to the work of the Faculty. PH mentioned ongoing exams and development of new exams plus review of written material.

PH referred to the Conference in Chennai being difficult to navigate as non-surgeons and an expectation of interest that was overcome by running a parallel workshop led by David Bruce, our International Lead. This was a very successful event and next year will lead into the delivery of the pre-hospital trauma course.

Next FPHC conference taking place in Edinburgh in 8 weeks with thanks to David Lockey in the absence of a conference lead. Conference booking is now open, and the programme is available online. PH hopes to see many attendees from this meeting there.

PH welcomed Mr Chris Shaw and Mr Gordon Ingram into their new roles and Simon Rogers as the new Non-Healthcare Professional Group vice chair.

PH paid recognition to Dr Ross Hemingway, member of the faculty and civilian medical practitioner for the Commando Centre at the Royal Marines, who was awarded an OBE for his services to Royal Marines in the New Year's Honours.

PH noted with sadness and gratitude the passing of Brian Steggles, Fiona Jukes, and Mike Wilson and noted apologies if anyone else had been missed from the list.

PH extended sincere thanks to the office staff under BS management for the incredible amount of work that they do.

4.2 Honorary Secretary's Report

Report tabled – available online on FPHC website. Presented verbally by AS

Membership

AS highlighted numbers from the previous report and mentioned cleansing process in October which identified members who were not paying fees etc and therefore not in good standing. Memberships showing true growth of 15.4% measured against same standards on consecutive years.

Webinars

Webinars continue to be delivered with very good attendance.

Social Media

Content continues to grow on all 3 domains - Linked In, Twitter and Facebook

Educational Resources

As mentioned by PH, well done to examinations teams for delivering exams in a continued COVID environment, particularly to Dr John Birks who has now stood down after an excellent period of office, welcome to Dr Laura Bland who is now leading.

Not just Diploma and Fellowship exams, we are pleased to see we are developing further exams, also to DipROM as mentioned in my report. Dr Phil Towers has taken over from Mr David Lee as chair and Dr Dan Fletcher in role of vice chair support. We welcome them to their roles and thank David Lee for his leadership.

The Crowd Doctor and Practitioner course continues to be successful. The last course held in September was full and the upcoming course in February to be held in Doncaster is also fully booked. Thank you SJ for all your hard work.

The PHOTON group continues to work well and student regional groups under leadership of Gordon are working well.

	<p>AS thanked all for the work mentioned on the conferences and hoped to see everyone there. AS also mentioned the trauma care day produced very positive feedback.</p> <p>Office Team</p> <p>AS reiterated the points made by PH around ES and the wonderful team in the office who do so much work and keep us on the ship going in the right direction without them, we would struggle. Much appreciation to them, I cannot in the time allocated list all that they are involved with, but thank you very much indeed.</p>
4.3	Honorary Treasurer's Report
	<p>PH first report as honorary treasurer and thanked ES and team for all their work and support.</p> <p>Unfortunately, he cannot deliver the year-end figures because we must notify you six weeks in advance, but cautionary interpreting of reports suggests positive outcome. Still a lot of turbulence out there arising from the pandemic and still a pent-up demand for courses, however the general feeling is the finances are going in the right direction. PH once again thanked ES and the team.</p>
5.	FPHC Committees and Groups Reports
5.1	Pre-Hospital Care Examinations Committee
5.2	Training and Standards Committee
5.3	Clinical Standards Committee
5.4	Paramedic and Nursing Group
5.5	Regional Representatives Group
5.6	Conference and Events Group
5.7	Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine Trainees' Association (PHEMTA) Group
5.8	Student and Junior Doctors Group
5.9	International Developments
5.10	Non-Health Care Professionals Group
5.11	Postgraduate Programmes
6.	Any Other Business – to be notified at the start of the meeting
	No other business notified before the meeting.
7.	Date of Next Meeting - AGM 2024
	Will be announced in future.

Office Bearers' Reports

Chair's Report



Dr Pam Hardy

Chair, Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care

It has been an incredible year for the Faculty of Pre-hospital Care (FPHC) with numerous positive outputs, thanks to significant work by many of our members and the Faculty office team.

At the beginning of the year, we were cited in the Manchester Arena Inquiry to provide a statement regarding the remit of FPHC and our proposed actions against the Volume II monitored recommendations. Much work went into this supported by Beth Stevenson, Faculty Manager, and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) and was undertaken as requested by the Chair of the Inquiry in collaboration with the College of Paramedics, the National Ambulance Resilience Unit and NHS England.

Our involvement in the Manchester Arena Inquiry escalated the profile of the FPHC to a new level and we are now seen as a key collaborator in the work being taken forward by NHS England. We have representatives on individual Task & Finish groups addressing the monitored recommendations, and I have been co-opted onto the NHS England Strategic Oversight Group.

It also acted as a catalyst to the final sign-off of the long-awaited Diploma in Major Incident Management (DIMM), which was launched in October, with a mock exam taking place in January and first diet in July 2024.

We received a strong statement of support for the launch of our Diploma from the Chair of the Inquiry, the Hon. Sir John Saunders.



Following a proposal and discussions, the Intercollegiate Board for Training in Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine (IBTPHEM) is now hosted by FPHC and RCSEd. This feels like an appropriate step for this Board, with the DIMC and FIMC exams being the summative assessments for PHEM training, whilst also open to a multi-professional audience. We are extremely grateful to RCSEd for their continued insight into this important development and the wider multi-professional aspects that we strongly believe achieve the best outcomes for our patients.

There has been a positive response from the GMC regarding the implementation of the updated 2022 IBTPHEM curriculum, led by Dr Nathan Howes, showcasing excellence not only in patient care, but also training and the needs of trainees.

The Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine Trainees' Association (PHEMTA) Group has been busy supporting trainees as detailed in their report.

We ran the very successful FPHC Conference on the 6th & 7th November in the College. Our thanks go to Professor David Lockey, and to Gordon Ingram with the organisation and delivery of future conferences now being moved to a specific Conference organiser role. The event was sold out and exceeded capacity of the College, with approximately 260 delegates attending over the 2 days, and a further ~ 100 on a waiting list. The delegates comprised members and non-members, students, and non-healthcare professionals, with multi-professional representation and a positive atmosphere of engagement and excellent programme of speakers.

We have been working with the Communications Committee and the RCSEd Marcomms team uploading resources from the conference including an excellent podcast from Paramedicast and many of the 50+ posters we had displayed, as well as news items about the poster winners and presentations of our Honorary Fellowships and FPHC Medals.

Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty was awarded to Professor Karim Brohi and Professor Hans Morten Lossius for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields of work and to pre-hospital care. The recipients of the FPHC Medal were Professor Tim Nutbeam and Mr David Whitmore.

Our exams go from strength to strength, with full diets of both the Diploma in Retrieval and Transport Medicine (DRTM) and Diploma in Urgent Medical Care (DUMC) this year, as well as the continued popularity of the Diploma and Fellowship in Immediate Medical Care. A total of 364 candidates attended for our exams in 2023. DIMM will commence July 2024.

The Diploma in Remote & Offshore Medicine (DipROM) programme is undergoing review led by our Executive Lead David Whitmore, with some new recruitment to module tutors and markers and as well as starting conversations with the Faculty of Remote, Rural and Humanitarian Healthcare and the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries to explore possible collaboration on modules.

The Crowd Doctors and Practitioner courses remain so popular that additional course dates have been added.

Our Faculty Advisory Board (FAB) has been extremely well-attended with an agenda and productive discussions that reflect the recognition of the collaborative hub of the FPHC. This includes everything from the need to address initial interventions by members of the public, to the request for position statements around high acuity low occurrence events.

All the statutory and voluntary emergency services are looking to us to help set national standards across their agencies and share these across military and civilian practice where applicable.

Discussions are ongoing with The University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) around development of an MSc in Pre-hospital Care for those without a primary degree. This is already in place for the DUMC and is a model that fits with some of our other exams.

Work is ongoing to refresh and write new consensus documents, now supported by a new Chair and members of the Clinical Standards Committee. The Faculty Webinar programme delivered a number of well attended episodes in 2023.

Our international reach has increased considerably following the FPHC Pre-Hospital Workshop held in India in association with the RCSEd International Conference in 2022, led by Dr David Bruce. He and his team delivered two inaugural Pre-Hospital Trauma Care (PHTC) courses in Chennai in April 23.

The courses were delivered at, and strongly supported by, the Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER). Funding was provided by the UK-registered charity Saving Lives International.

To promote local training, a 1-day Instructor Course was delivered in October 23 and a subsequent Provider Course to new candidates over the next 2 days. In keeping with the FPHC's multidisciplinary membership, 3 of the 12 Instructors trained were Indian paramedics. The next PHTC Course is scheduled to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal in February 2024.

Work has also been ongoing around a tactical pre-hospital care course for colleagues at the European Security Academy in Poland with endorsement of the course content and further potential for endorsing a course delivered by the British Army in Kenya.



Several members of FPHC were invited to the launch/re-branding of Saving Lives International at the House of Lords in September 23. We engaged with the Ambassador of Nepal to the UK and the High Commissioner of Uganda to the UK; both are interested in extending training within their nations.

David Bruce is standing down as FPHC International Development Lead after 5 years in this role, achieving this and much more including liaison with many other countries. Our huge and heartfelt thanks go to him for all his work on behalf of FPHC.

Further detail and much more is contained in the committees and groups reports below and I urge you all to read them. I extend my thanks to everyone who has contributed. There really is so much work that is being done that I am unable to capture it all here. We have welcomed some new members, office staff and appointments, and I would also like to thank those who have demitted from their terms of office this year. I remain immensely grateful for the hard work of Beth and the office team without whom none of this would be possible. It is maybe timely that the Communications Committee has been regenerated and already started to produce some great work showcasing the achievements of FPHC and raising our profile. We look forward to their continued engagement with our members, including through our regional groups to further share our purpose and progress.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support to the Faculty of Pre-hospital Care.

Dr Pam Hardy
Chair, Faculty of Pre-hospital Care



Honorary Secretary's Report

Dr Andy Smith

Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care

It has been a very busy year full of challenges. I am so grateful for the support of the Office Bearers, Executive, but especially the support from Beth and her FPHC Office team. The office team under the superb leadership of Beth have continued to deliver on key workstream showing great flexibility of working. Our appreciation, as always is to the FPHC office personnel for their perseverance and dedication to duties during the current challenges.

The succession planning for the FPHC has progressed well, duly completed through a transparent process of applications and interviews the following have come into post:

- **Vice- Chair (Doctor)** Dr Fionna Moore
- **Clinical Standards Chair:** Dr Charlotte Haldane
- **Communications Committee Chair:** Mr Neil Flowers
- **Conference Lead:** Mr Gordon Ingram
- **Regional Groups Lead:** Dr Natalie Lonsdale

We express our sincere gratitude to all who have demitted office during this last year for their most generous service to the FPHC.

Membership:

We continue to receive enquires in respect of levels of membership, which I am most grateful for the kind assistance of Beth and Sarah in processing.

Current membership as of the 14th December 2023 is:

	Faculty Numbers		Percentage Increase
	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	
Fellow			
Fellow (Paying in Faculty)	117	125	6.84%
Fellow (Paying Other Faculty)	18	18	0.00%
Totals for Fellows	135	143	5.93%
Member			
Member (Paying in Faculty)	826	960	16.22%
Member (Paying Other Faculty)	44	46	4.55%
Totals for Members	870	1006	15.63%
TOTALS	1005	1149	14.33%

FPHC Foundation Manual

The FPHC Immediate Care manual continue to sell well. This is now available through a new publisher and many thanks to the Beth and the Office team for securing the new publisher and e-platform facility. The manual underwent a refresh of the contents led by the Chair and Co-Vice Chairs.

FPHC Webinars

The FPHC continue to deliver webinars, including the delivery of several webinars in collaboration with the FPHC regional representative Group and the FPHC Student and Junior Group. Some of these recordings are available to watch on the faculty website. All details are on the webinar page of the FPHC website under education and resources – resources – faculty blog & webinars.

Social Media

There remains pleasing growth through social media:

Social Media Accounts	Dec-22	Dec-23	Increase in Followers %
Facebook	5039	5332	6%
Twitter	8669	9351	8%
LinkedIn	4444	5449	23%

Educational resources and examinations

Congratulations to Dr Laura Bland and her team for all the planning and successfully holding the DIMC and FIMC examinations aided by the FPHC Office.

Preparations progress to deliver a new Diploma in Major Incident Medical Management. A mock exam will take place in January 2024 and the first formal diet in June/July 2024. To deliver this new diploma a much appreciative collaborative process with the college Education department, who continue to guide the development team. A huge effort by the exam writing team and editorial group lead by Deputy Convenor Dr Paul Hunt is underway. The examiners and candidates have been identified for the mock examination. I wish to offer my gratitude to all engaged in this new diploma.

Equally gratitude to the deputy convenors for delivering the Diplomas in Retrieval and Transfer Medicine, and Urgent Medical Care. The amount of effort to achieve these examinations is tremendous.

The Remote and Offshore Medicine programme (DipROM) continues to be delivered by the Faculty. The Crowd Doctors and Practitioners course ran two courses in 2023, due to demand three courses are planned for 2024.

Student & Regional Groups

Great work continues in these groups, we aim to continue with a closer collaboration between these and other pre-hospital care groups to develop a rich resource of CPD meetings and events.

Conference

The FPHC ran a very successful conference on the 6th & 7th November in Edinburgh. With approx. 260 delegates attending. It was great to see old and new faces at the conference, with such a positive atmosphere engaged with an excellent programme of speakers. Well done to the conference team supported by the FPHC office as always.

Office

Sarah Mannix-Hall has joined the office team and will support Beth and her team deliver the Faculty activities. As always, I wish to express my gratitude to the office team led by so brilliantly by Beth, for their tremendous support in all aspects of the FPHC activities.

I would like to thank our membership for their dedication of duties over the past year to provide pre-hospital immediate medical care for patients and their families.

Dr Andy Smith
FPHC Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer's Report



Peter Holden

Honorary Treasurer, Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care

Faculty activity is picking up well now that we are in post-covid mode and this is reflecting in our finances. The details of increasing activity have been reported by my fellow office bearers so I will not re-iterate them here. Because of timing and notice issues for the AGM the final accounts for the Faculty are not yet available but we have three quarters data to the end of September 2023. Based upon that data our income was £33,609 ahead of budget and our expenditure £43,324 behind budget.

Our budgeting processes have been long developed, regularly reviewed and intrinsically robust and therefore barring any unforeseen significant changes we are on target for a surplus of around £50,000. This must be taken in context that we have still to evaluate the final financial outputs of the very successful FPHC conference in November which was 50% oversubscribed and if we are to consider meeting such demand in future that will affect our future cost base.

All in all, the finances are healthy and able to sustain our programme for development.

I would like to thank the Office Bearers, the FPHC Executive Committee and the Faculty Office for their support.

Dr Peter Holden

Honorary Treasurer

FPHC Committees and Groups Reports

Pre-Hospital Care Examinations Committee



Dr Laura Bland

Chair, Pre-Hospital Care Examinations Committee

Examiner training and revalidation – the RCSEd educational and psychometrics team have developed an online examiner training package, and this was utilised for the DUMC, and feedback has been gathered. We will use this for the January IMC exams. I hope this will reduce the costs associated with the exam diets as examiners will not need to be in Edinburgh to complete this.

FPHC Exam candidate numbers for 2023

DIMC Full Exam	216
DIMC Part A	23
DIMC Part B	27
FIMC Full Exam	27
FIMC Part A	4
FIMC Part B	12
DRTM Full Exam	29
DRTM Part A	1
DUMC Full Exam	24
DUMC Part A	1

DIMC/FIMC

We have reviewed the implementation of the new IBTPHEM curriculum for the GMC. As a result, we have (for all candidates, not just PHEM trainees):

- Improved coding of pass/fail/resit.
- Improved capture and collation of monitoring data.
- Exams outcomes have been analysed. We see a similar pattern of pass rates year on year. With improved coding of first attempt/resit the data will be more usefully interpretable going forward.
- Implemented additional E&D training for examiners.

We are looking to:

- Analyse exam results by capabilities and themes.
- Develop and triangulate quality management data sets (and identify any unanticipated areas of bias or discrimination) relating to assessments.

DipMIM

A mock exam is being held in January 2024 with a diet planned for the summer 2024. There have been applications and eligibility requests for the diet. The work by Dr Paul Hunt and Dr Andy Smith on this has been outstanding.

DUMC

Work is ongoing to look at these results to ensure the eligibility criteria and pre-exam information allow candidates the best chance of success. As a result of feedback, we have already made some changes to these criteria to ensure that only clinicians with sufficient relevant training and experience meet the eligibility criteria.

DRTM

The syllabus for the exam is due for review and updating and this work has been taken on by Dr Matt O'Meara, Dr Andrew Cadamy and Dr Terry Martin.

The work for the DRTM to link in with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) as per the agreed MoU continues, although has been largely static over the last year for a variety of reasons. This is led by Dr Terry Martin.

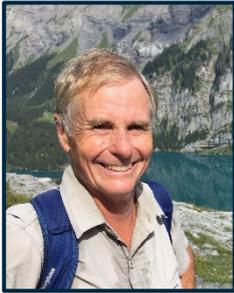
Dr Alistair Newton has now demitted his role as Lead Examiner for the written exam. Dr Louise Webster and Dr Matt O'Meara have formally assumed this role, after working with Alistair for the 2023 diet. I would like to thank Alistair for his hard work over several years in revising and improving the written content of the exam; and welcome Louise and Matt.

Having moved to the Deputy Convener role, Neil Hughes has demitted their role as OSPE Lead Examiner, and this has been taken over by Dr Ami Jones and Mr Jeff Proctor. Welcome Ami and Jeff and thank you for your hard work on the 2023 diet.

Dr Laura Bland

Chair, FPHC Examinations Committee

Training and Standards Committee



Dr David Bruce

Chair, Training and Standards Committee

The Training and Standards (T&S) Committee have continued to assess courses for endorsement during 2023. The committee membership has changed slightly over the last year. Mr Tony Kemp stood down and I wish to officially record my thanks to Tony for his support and contributions to the T&S Committee during his membership. Mr Kev Wheeler and Mr Steve Shackleton have joined the committee after open advertising and competition; both have already made significant contributions and we are delighted to welcome them to the team.

There remain three levels of support for courses. Firstly, where the concept of a programme is supported; secondly where the content is endorsed; and thirdly where the content and delivery are endorsed. There is also an endorsement assessment matrix for overseas courses which allows slightly greater flexibility informed by local constraints. The endorsement process for most courses includes a review of all the course materials, delivery, course policies, including assessment, instructor identification and training. This includes a visit to the training location during a course; hence, there is a considerable amount of work involved and I am grateful to the committee members for their engagement. Courses are reported upon using structured matrices and templates. The committee agreed that reports should be copied to training providers as part of the formative process; this had generally occurred in the past but is now part of T&S Cttee policy.

New applications for endorsement have shown a slight increase during the year. Some training providers have decided not to seek re-endorsement, but this has been because they no longer deliver the course rather than them not valuing the endorsement process. Although cross-recognition of sports courses is not a matter for the T&S Committee, this rests with the sports' governing bodies, there had been occasional confusion in the minds of candidates, and we previously tightened up our endorsement letters to make the issue totally clear. This appears to have resolved the issue although we keep a close eye on this area and are fortunate that the Hon Sec is closely involved in many sports courses and acts as a conduit for concerns.

The endorsement matrix previously demanded an MCQ as part of the summative assessment and this was debated at length after a training provider highlighted that the results of this test this did not necessarily show a good correspondence with candidates' performance on the rest of the course. Moreover, candidates on some pre-hospital courses are practical individuals and find formal MCQs threatening which can detract from the overall learning experience. The committee agreed that an MCQ should no longer be a compulsory element. However, if an MCQ is not used, we require that the training provider can provide records demonstrating reproducible, acceptable and accurate methods of confirming that candidates have assimilated the training to a safe standard.

During the year, we finalised the endorsement assessment of a course presented by Polish colleagues; this task has taken considerable effort and we provided significant guidance on focusing the course and rewriting presentations. The course is endorsed for 'content only' but was our 1st endorsed course abroad. As described in the International Development Lead report, the FPHC ran 3 Pre-Hospital Trauma Care Provider courses in India in 2023; the course is endorsed. We have recently been approached for an endorsement assessment of a course being run in Kenya by the British Army and hope that this will add to the Faculty's international presence. Finally, and significantly, World Rugby Union and other sports courses run abroad are endorsed and this is largely through the efforts of the Hon Sec.

In summary, the T&S Committee continue with their efforts to improve PHC training through formative assessment and guidance. I am grateful to my colleagues on the Committee and also for the invaluable support of the FPHC Office staff.

Dr David Bruce

Training and Standards Committee Chair

Clinical Standards Committee



Dr Charlotte Haldane

Chair, Clinical Standards Committee

I was appointed as Chair of the Clinical Standards Committee in June 2023.

The review of the Foundation Material for Immediate Care has been completed. The manual remains a key members benefit (offered as an e-manual) to new members of the Faculty.

The national educational slide set that supports the medical training material for police officers in specialist is also currently being reviewed.

Work is ongoing to refresh and write new consensus documents.

- Heat Illness Consensus Statement - at the stage of being sent to the stake holders for feedback.
- Guidelines on Crush injury and Pre-hospital ultrasound are at earlier stages.
- Extrication Consensus Statement – beginning work imminently.

We are currently recruiting for additional members to the Committee and hope to have some new members on board for 2024.

Dr Charlotte Haldane

Chair, Clinical Standards Committee

Communications Committee



Mr Neil Flowers

Chair, Communications Committee

I was appointed as Chair of the Communications Committee in June 2023. As this Committee had been dormant for several years, one of my first tasks was to recruit committee members. In August 2023 our committee was formed, and they now include, Dr Peter Holden, Dr Nat Lonsdale, Ms Alison Moggach, Mr Simon Rogers, Mr Daniel Heritage & Dr Nicola Ebbs. Following on from this a meeting a draft terms of reference for the committee was agreed.

The remit of the Communication Committee will be to:

- Handle all matters that relate to communicating with members, stakeholders and interested parties.
- Oversee newsletters, official communications, social media platforms, online presence and assist the FPHC Chair, Office Bearers and Faculty Manager with media contact.
- Manage a communications strategy with alignment with FPHC strategy.
- Develop a communication plan and coordinate various FPHC activities.
- To provide advice and online guidance in areas including career progression, gaining experience, 'staying safe' and educational opportunities.
- To act as a conduit between the above groups and the FPHC Advisory Board, facilitating questions and discussion from members and to assist in FPHC project work.

Some of our key activity in the last few months:

- FPHC conference follow up - We worked with the Faculty office and college MarComns team to ensure we optimized sharing the post conference information via the Faculty website and social media platforms. Information, including copies of the posters displayed at the conference. <https://fphc.rcsed.ac.uk/about/about-us/news/2023/november/fphc-conference-resumes-with-an-incredible-comeback>
- The Faculty have been granted a regular section in the RCSEd Surgeons News. The Committee are currently working on a submission to the next edition which will be released in March 2024. We will be recognising achievements of a few of our members - Duncan Tripp and Victor Hoffer. Duncan was awarded a Pride of Britain Award and Victor Hoffer (FPHC International member) was awarded the American Ambulance Association Star of Life award).
- FPHC Blog. In the latest blog, one of our members, Angela Croucher discusses our Diploma in Immediate Medical Care, offering insights from a candidate's perspective. <https://fphcblog.wordpress.com/2023/12/11/diploma-in-immediate-medical-care-a-revision-guide/>

Please get in touch with your committee if they have any news worth sharing with our members FPHCComms@rcsed.net

Mr Neil Flowers
Communications Committee Chair

Paramedic and Nursing Group



Mr Andy Smith

Co-Chair, on behalf of the Paramedic and Nurse Group

Group members: Andy Smith – Critical Care Paramedic – Magpas Air Ambulance, Martin Eccles – Nurse Practitioner/lecturer – Liverpool John Moore University, Dr Els Freshwater – Advanced Paramedic – Lecturer – Robert Gordon University, Alison Moggach – Advanced Nurse Practitioner – Scottish Ambulance Service

Members of the committee have contributed

- Training & Standards Committee review visits
- FPHC Conference
- Foundation in Immediate Care Manual
- Stakeholder group working with the College of Paramedics on the 6th Edition of the paramedic pre-registration curriculum. This incorporates the new HCPC standards of proficiency for paramedics and is due to be published in early 2024.
- Critical Care Special interest group that is working on a postgraduate curriculum for critical care practitioners in pre-hospital care.
- Work with NHS England on paramedic preceptorship, and enhanced practice (which will include opportunities for paramedics to develop into critical care roles).
- Assisted Angela Croucher (recent successful DipIMC candidate) in developing a presentation on the DipIMC . More recently Angela’s work has been published in our latest blog “A revision guide to the DIMC “. Angela Croucher discusses the Faculty's Diploma in Immediate Medical Care. She and others describe the Diploma as learning how to 'provide gold standards of care,'. The full story is available on the faculty website <https://fphc.rcsed.ac.uk/about/about-us/news/2023/december/a-revision-guide-to-the-dimc>
- Alison represents the nurses and paramedics group on the FPHC Communications Committee.

We are looking forward to 2024 and striving to provide the RCSEd FPHC with the best possible assistance.

Membership:

Practitioners (Nurses): 25	Advanced Practitioners (Nurses): 16	Advanced Practitioners (Paramedics): 81	Practitioners (Paramedics): 130	Totals: Paramedic & Nurse professionals: 252
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Mr Andy Smith

Co-Chair Paramedic and Nursing Group

Regional Advisory Group



Dr Natalie Lonsdale

Chair, Regional Advisory Group

Supported by Mr Gordon Ingram

2023 has been a great year for the regional groups.

There have been a number of regional events throughout the year covering a multitude of subjects.

The regional leads have been in their roles and contactable to provide a point of contact in representation of the Faculty.

Certain regions have had monthly events all of which have been advertised on their social media pages and also on the FPHC social media.

The regional groups anticipate more events in 2024 under the watchful guidance of Dr Nat Lonsdale providing oversight.

2024 should be an exciting year for the groups and we look forward to seeing more individuals involved.

Dr Natalie Lonsdale

Chair, Regional Advisory Group

Mr Gordon Ingram, **support role**

Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine Trainees' Association (PHEMTA) Group



Dr Steph Cowan
Chair, PHEMTA Group

2023 has been another busy year for the PHEMTA Committee.

PHEMTA Committee

Chair: Dr Stephanie Cowan (Post PHEM training)

Vice chair: Dr Steve Dauncey (Post PHEM training)

Welfare: Dr Lisa Ramage (Phase 2 PHEM trainee)

Education & training Dr Pragya Mallick (Phase 1 PHEM trainee)

Trainee Liaison Dr Victoria Lee (Phase 1 PHEM trainee)

PHEMTA Activities

- PHEMTA was represented at the IBTPHEM National Induction phase 1 course in August 2023.
- PHEMTA input on FPHC Level 8 Accreditation regulations.
- Progress is being made on the PHEMTA website.
- Regional PHEM trainees nominated for regional representatives' group.
- Focus on organisation of phase two course.
- National teaching days for PHEM trainees a priority for next year. This will focus on FIMC teaching and trainee welfare.
- PHEM trainee survey published to IBTPHEM in November 2023. The results will be made available to the PHEM-PAG committee and RCoA in due course.

Dr Stephanie Cowan
Chair, PHEMTA



Student and Junior Doctors Group



Dr Thomas Burton

Chair Student and Junior Trainee Group

The Student and Junior Trainee Group have assisted in reviewing the elective applications for 2024.

The Faculty offered places with The Air Ambulance Service (TAAS), the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust (EHAAT) and the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) for successful medical student applicants to spend a 4-week elective experiencing a HEMS based PHEM system.

- 32 student applied for the Facilitated Elective places
- 33 students applied for the HEMS Elective places.

We continue to review a number of funding applications to help support student educational events.

Dr Thomas Burton

Chair, Student and Junior Trainee Group

International Developments



David Bruce

International Developments

Following on from the FPHC Pre-Hospital Workshop held in India in association with the RCSEd International Conference 'Beyond COVID-19: Impact & Innovation' in 2022, the FPHC delivered 2 inaugural Pre-Hospital Trauma Care (PHTC) courses in Chennai in April 23.

The courses were delivered at, and strongly supported by, the Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER). Funding was provided by the UK-registered charity Saving Lives International which supports the Faculty of Disaster Medicine – India and Nepal (FDMIN). FDMIN aims to improve training in all phases of disaster response and sees pre-hospital care (PHC) as having a key role in the initial response as well as contributing to reducing the wider, ongoing accident-related health burden in South Asia.

The UK version of the PHTC Course was edited to take account of current PHC capabilities and practice in India guided by information from the October 2023 workshop and input from local practitioners. In addition, a folder of supporting administrative documentation was developed to allow the planned dissemination of the course to other approved training centres and maintain consistency of training. The FPHC Foundation Material for Immediate Care Manual, in an e-format, was used as the reference text. The UK faculty comprised myself, Dr Lorraine Greasley and Dr Rob Russell and we were fortunate enough to be joined by Professor Ramakrishnan who is the Head of the Emergency Medicine Department at SRIHER and a key influencer in the development of PHC in India. Professor Ramakrishnan engaged with his PHC contacts, some of whom had attended the October 2023 Workshop, to ensure that we had a multi-disciplinary group of candidates from different locations across India. Dr Peter Patel of Saving Lives International invited candidates from Nepal. Ultimately, we had 41 candidates comprising 12 paramedics and 29 doctors from a range of backgrounds and including 4 from Nepal.

Feedback was received from all candidates and was excellent; the faculty were invited to deliver the course at other locations in India. However, in order to establish a firm foundation and local 'ownership', the ultimate aim is for the course to be delivered by selected India faculty at approved centres. Accordingly, candidates with Instructor Potential (IP) were selected across the two courses; we felt these individuals demonstrated the knowledge, practical skills, experience and enthusiasm needed to be effective instructors.

In October, 12 Instructor Candidates from the April cadre attended a 1-day Instructor Course at SRIHER delivered by Dr Rob Russell and Professor Ramakrishnan; they went on to deliver a subsequent Provider Course to 21 candidates over the next 2 days. In keeping with the FPHC's multidisciplinary membership, 3 of the 12 Instructors trained were Indian paramedics.

A further PHTC Course is scheduled to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal in February 2024 and UK and local faculty have been identified. This will generate further candidates with Instructor potential who will ultimately attend an Instructor Course with IP colleagues from the October Chennai Provider Course. We are gradually building up a local cadre of Instructors to take this initiative forward in S Asia. The plan is for the FPHC to carry out quality assurance visits on an approximately annual basis. Further details on the initiative were published in the September 23 issue of Surgeons' News.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the FPHC, with other members, were invited to the launch/re-branding of Saving Lives International at the House of Lords in September 23. We engaged with the Ambassador of Nepal to the UK and the High of Uganda to the UK; both are interested in extending training within their nations. Further detail was published on the FPHC website on 21 September 23. The event also delivered the opportunity to explore areas of mutual interest between the FPHC, Saving Lives International and this work is now being taken forward.

As mentioned in the T&S Committee report, there was a considerable amount of work put into refining and focusing a tactical pre-hospital care course for colleagues at the European Security Academy in Poland and this has resulted in endorsement of the course content. We are also looking at the potential for endorsing a course delivered by the British Army in Kenya focusing on risks and solutions to working in remote and austere 'bush' environments. The FPHC also has an international presence in endorsed sports courses through the efforts of the Hon Sec.

The FPHC Office staff have invaluable throughout the year and I would also like to record my thanks to the Chair of the FPHC who has been unwaveringly supportive. In addition, this project would not have moved forward without the financial and professional support of Dr Peter Patel, Dr Rob Russell, Dr Lorraine Greasley and Professor TV Ramakrishnan.

Dr David Bruce
International Development Lead

Non-Healthcare Professionals Group



Nicholas Tuckwell

Chair, Non-Healthcare Professionals Group

The group are aware of the new Terrorism Protection Bill (aka Martyns Law) now read during the Kings Speech 7/11/23 and looking at a project “Narrowing the Care Capability gap” for the commercial Security Sector and further implications.

The group are engaged via the representative on the Faculty Advisory Board to collaborate with the work ongoing around the volume II monitored recommendations of the Manchester Arena Inquiry.

Mr Nicholas Tuckwell

Non-Healthcare Professionals Group

Diploma in Remote and Offshore Medicine



David Whitmore

DipROM Executive Lead

We have analysed the figures for students undertaking the programme over the last few years and noted a general downwards trend to undertake certain modules, (Teaching and Learning, Evidence and Research in Remote Medicine and Health and Wellbeing in the Remote Worker are the most stark). Overall trend for student numbers declining, (169 in 2017 to 63 in 2023).

During October and November of 2023, the Tutors for the following modules stood down: _

1. Evidence and Research in Remote Medicine
2. Communication in the Clinical Consultation
3. Tactical Medicine

For the first two we have suspended the modules until further notice as they had no students. For the Tactical Medicine the 2nd marker and the Academic Co-ordinator have stepped in to run the module for the three students on that module. With regard to the Tactical Medicine module, we have formally appointed the previous 2nd marker as the module tutor and appointed a new 2nd marker.

This analysis supports the current view to reducing the number of modules and offering them as standalone CPD Modules for the more popular Modules – Dive Medicine being the prime example.

We are starting to have conversations with the Faculty of Remote, Rural and Humanitarian Healthcare to explore possible collaboration on modules. There is also a view we could seek the same with the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries.

Mr David Whitmore

DipROM FPHC Executive Representative

Gibson Chair



Professor David Lockey

Gibson Chair

The Faculty conference was held on 6th & 7th November 2023 and was a great success. The event was sold out and exceeded the capacity of the College. The organisation and delivery of future conferences has now been moved from a Gibson Chair responsibility to a specific Conference organiser role.

The FPHC psychosocial project report, developed to produce practical guidance for PHC organisations on looking after their providers, is available on our website. A summary of the report with all key information in appendices is now published as an open access publication and may be of use to FAB organisations and other organisations delivering emergency care.

Practical psychosocial care for providers of pre-hospital care: a summary of the report 'valuing staff, valuing patients' <https://sjtrem.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13049-023-01141-6>

Work is ongoing to refresh and write new consensus documents. A consensus meeting is planned in the new year to progress vehicle extrication. A first draft of a Heat illness guideline has been produced and an updated traumatic cardiac arrest guideline produced. Guidelines on Crush injury and Pre-hospital ultrasound are at earlier stages. The faculty is also represented on the AAGBI Pre-hospital anaesthesia guideline group.

The Faculty Webinar programme delivered a number of well attended episodes in 2023.

Urgent Care around the World-How is Urgent Care Provided in other countries	6th December 2023
Drowning – Physiology to Resus!	17th April 2023
Retrieval Medicine and the DRTM: Past, Present and Future	15th February 2023

Episodes are already planned for early 2024. You can register to attend these using the below link. <https://www.rcsed.ac.uk/professional-support-development-resources/learning-resources/webinars#upcoming>

Topic	Suitability	Date	Time	CPD hours	
Results of the TETRIS Study and implications for practice	Prehospital and Emergency Medicine clinicians who treat patients requiring resuscitative thoracotomy	7th February 2024	19:00 - 20:00 GMT	1	Register
Results of the Pre-alerts Study and implications for practice	Prehospital clinicians who alert patients into the Emergency Department, as well as ED staff who receive patients from the ambulance service.	5th March 2024	19:00 - 20:00 GMT	1	Register

The project for developing an MSc in PHC for those without a primary degree is still in progress with UCLAN. We are canvassing the membership for demand for this initiative.

Professor David Lockey
Gibson Chair