

Panel Discussion – Public Health Transition

Prof. Lindsey Davies CBE, President, Faculty for Public Health

1. Professor Davies is the President of the UK Faculty of Public Health and is one of the most senior public health physicians in the United Kingdom.
2. After qualifying in medicine at Nottingham University, Professor Davies worked for seven years in community paediatrics before training in Public Health. She subsequently became Director of Public Health for Southern Derbyshire and for Nottingham before moving to the UK Department of Health's NHS Executive as Head of Public Health. She became Regional Director of Public Health/Regional Medical Director for the Trent region in 1996 where she had wide ranging responsibilities for health services and public health at regional and national level, including chairing the National Scientific Committee on blood and transplant safety.
3. In 2006 she moved back to the Department of Health in London as the National Director of Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, leading the UK's preparations for a flu pandemic and health related aspects of the Olympic Games. In early 2010, she spent six months as the interim RDPH for London and the Health Advisor to the Mayor.
4. Professor Davies takes a close interest in all aspects of medical and public health education and training in addition to her Faculty role. She is an Advisor to several UK Universities, holds a Special Professorship in Public Health Medicine and Epidemiology at Nottingham University. She is a visitor for the General Medical Council's medical education quality assurance programme.

About the Faculty for Public Health (FPH)

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2. The FPH is a joint faculty of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (London, Edinburgh and Glasgow). Although an integral part of the three Royal Colleges, FPH is an independently constituted body with its own membership, governance structure and financial arrangements.
3. The FPH is the professional home for more than 3,000 professionals working in public health. Its members come from a diverse range of professional backgrounds (including clinical, academic, policy) and are employed in a variety of settings, usually working at a strategic or specialist level.