



Public Health in a Political World

08.45 – 9.15	Registration and coffee
Politics and public health through local and national lens	
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome Dr Julie Parkes <i>Head of School for the Oxford and Wessex Schools of Public Health; Head of the School of Primary Care & Population Sciences in Faculty of Medicine University of Southampton</i>
09.30 – 10.15	Keynote speech: What has politics got to do with public health? Anneliese Dodds MP <i>Member of Parliament for Oxford East and Honorary Professor in Public Policy, Aston University</i>
10.15 – 11.00	Five years on: Opportunities and challenges for public health in local government Val Messenger <i>Deputy Director of Public Health, Oxfordshire County Council</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee
Politics and public health through an international lens	
11.15 – 12.00	EU Exit and public health Professor John Watson <i>Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Health Protection Directorate, Public Health England</i>
12.00 – 12.45	Global health diplomacy Dr Nicola Watt <i>Head of Global Programmes, Global Health Division, Public Health England</i>
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch, networking and poster viewing
A focus on public health professionals as political actors	
14.00 – 14.30	Registrar Project: Faculty of Public Health 'Do no harm' amendment Dr Rhosyn Harris <i>Specialty Registrar in Public Health, Oxford School of Public Health</i>
14.30 – 16.30	Panel debate: 'Politics is nothing more than public health on a larger scale' Chair: Professor Jonathan Wolff - <i>Blavatnik Professor of Public Policy, University of Oxford</i> Panellists: Dr Kitty Mohan - <i>Consultant in Health Protection, Public Health England South East</i> Professor David McCoy - <i>Professor of Global Public Health, Queen Mary University London</i> Cllr Dr Suzanne Bartington - <i>Public Health Registrar; Oxfordshire County Councillor (Cons)</i>
16.30 – 16.45	Closing remarks Dr Jill Morris <i>Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, Public Health England South East; Associate Head of School and Training Programme Director, Oxford School of Public Health</i>

Speaker Biographies

Dr Julie Parkes is Head of School for the Oxford and Wessex Schools of Public Health and Head of the School of Primary Care & Population Sciences in Faculty of Medicine University of Southampton, where she is Professor of Public Health. Her research work includes a focus on biomarkers in chronic liver disease, chronic liver disease epidemiology, and health and justice including studies within prison, probation and police custody settings.

Anneliese Dodds MP is the Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament for Oxford East and an Honorary Professor in Public Policy at Aston University. She was previously Acting Director of the National Institute for Health Research Patient Safety and Service Quality Research Centre at King's College London, and an Economic and Social Research Council postgraduate fellow at the London School of Economics. She was a Member of the European Parliament for South East England from 2014–2017.

Val Messenger is Deputy Director of Public Health at Oxfordshire County Council where she oversees the use of Public Health Grant; commissioning of public health services and performance improvement. She is lead trainer in Oxfordshire and is deeply involved in the Thames Valley practitioner development scheme and wider workforce development. With a previous career as a statistician and information specialist she has over 25 years of experience of working in the NHS across the full range of public health functions.

Professor John Watson is a Consultant in Public Health Medicine at Public Health England (PHE) where he is advising on aspects of the public health implications of EU Exit, and supporting international work on TB and influenza. Previously, he was Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England from 2013 to 2017 where his responsibilities spanned health protection with a focus on anti-microbial resistance, immunisation policy and emergency preparedness and response.

Dr Nicola Watt is Head of Global Programmes, Global Health Division, PHE, a role in which she oversees all PHE's health programmes overseas. She has a PhD in Biochemistry from the Max Planck Institut / Technische Universität Dresden, and has previously been a Global Health Team Leader at the Department for Health, and held multiple roles at the Department for International Development, including as a Global Health Policy Advisor.

Dr Rhosyn Harris is a Specialty Registrar in Public Health at the Oxford School of Public Health. Originally from a clinical background, she has worked with teams across the breadth of public health functions; from local authority health improvement initiatives, to regional screening and immunisations commissioning, to outbreak response with the health protection team, and most recently policy development within with PHE and the Faculty of Public Health.

Professor Jonathan Wolff is the Blavatnik Chair in Public Policy at the University of Oxford. His recent work has largely concerned equality, disadvantage, social justice and poverty, and he has a long-standing interest in health and health promotion. He has been a member of the Nuffield Council of Bioethics, the Academy of Medical Science working party on Drug Futures, the Gambling Review Body and the Homicide Review Group.

Dr Kitty Mohan is a Consultant in Health Protection at PHE South East. She is a member of the Royal College of Physicians, a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, a Fellow of the British Medical Association (BMA), and holds a PhD in Epidemiology from King's College London. She is the President-elect of the European Junior Doctor Association and was joint lead negotiator for the junior doctor contract whilst Co-chair of the BMA Junior Doctors Committee between 2013 and 2015.

Professor David McCoy is a Professor of Global Public Health at Queen Mary University London (QMUL). After qualifying from medical school, he spent fifteen years working in the UK and South Africa. He completed public health training in the UK, going on to become a Director of Public Health and a Fellow of the UK Faculty of Public Health. He is a former Director of Medact, a London-based public health charity which works on the underlying social, political and ecological determinants of global health, and was the founding managing editor of Global Health Watch, the alternative world health report.

Cllr Dr Suzanne Bartington was elected as an Oxfordshire County Councillor for the Conservative party in May 2017 and stood as the Conservative Candidate in Oxford East at the 2017 General Election. She is also a Public Health Registrar as well as a Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham. Her research interests lie in applied public health, focusing on the health, social and economic impacts of pollutant exposure and air quality intervention measures to inform public health policy worldwide.

Dr Jill Morris holds 11 years of professional consultant experience in Health Protection, with expertise drawing from both public health and clinical skills. She enjoys the balance of proactive work with a wide range of stakeholders, while also engaging in fast-pace response to acute incidents (such as possible MERS-CoV risk assessments and the Salisbury chemical incident). Her keen interest in training and developing staff (being lead trainer in the Thames Valley Health Protection Team for several years) has seen her more recently accept the position as Associate Head of School and Training Programme Director for the Oxford School of Public Health.