

Academy of Public Health (London and South East) News Bulletin October 2016

Welcome to the first edition of the Academy of Public Health (London and South East) News Bulletin. Read on for an update of what has been happening since the establishment of the Academy.



Introduction to Dr Judy Curson
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Judy's role encompasses both Head of the Academy and Head of School for Public Health in London and the South East.

Judy has extensive experience in Public Health, including as a Director of Public Health. Judy works half time in workforce development in PHE and half time in HEE.

Background

The London and South East Academy of Public Health is an innovative initiative with a central mission to support a transformation in capacity and capability of the public health system and wider workforce that will enable all in our communities to lead healthier lives. The Academy is a collaboration of many stakeholders across London and the South East it incor-

porates a commissioning mechanism for learning and development opportunities; and will offer a platform for sharing ideas tools and resources.

A multiagency steering group will meet every two months to ensure the academy's short and long term priorities reflect the needs of stakeholders across London and South East are delivered.

What are the Academy's priorities?

The focus of the Academy will be on:

1. Making Public Health everyone's business
2. Developing strategic leadership for public health
3. Equipping the workforce with public health skills fit for the 21st century
4. Supporting recruitment, retention, and progression in public health

Short term priorities:

- Educational approaches to prevention for Sustainability and Transformation plans
- Childhood obesity
- 'Thinking population health' for other disciplines

Longer term priorities:

A draft programme for wide discussion will be prepared by the end of the year, based on views expressed at the launch event and further discussions with stakeholders.

Launch A multi-stakeholder engagement event was held on Thursday 21 April 2016. The aim of the event was to engage with a wide range of stakeholders across the health, social care and public health system to identify workforce challenges. The event was an opportunity for key stakeholders to contribute in shaping the early priorities for the Academy of Public Health.

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