

Well, it is Summer and the sun has been shining...

I hope your summer holiday with family and friends provides a well deserved rest from all the changes...

PHAST has been busy this year in a number of ways; our recent Friends and Associates day on June 28th was well attended with excellent presentations from Kevin Fenton about promoting health and wellbeing in a transformed health system and the subsequent opportunities for public health. Tom Dent presented a strategic needs assessment in the new world to which many associates had made contributions - Tom's presentation is available [here](#).

We were delighted to receive the following feedback via Twitter from @ProfKevinFenton after the event...

Great meeting so many [@P_H_A_S_T](#) colleagues today in London to discuss opportunities for improving health & wellbeing and [@PHE_uk](#)'s role.

The upgrade of our very popular website [HealthKnowledge](#) has resulted in better functionality and look and feel. Last year alone there were over one million visitors to the site and at any one time there are 30-40 people from all over the world onsite.

Many institutions in developing countries are using the resources for their students thereby promoting the public health messages far and wide. All the original content is still here and exciting new content will be added such as quizzes and webinars. This online learning resource is for anyone working in health, social care and well-being wherever they work or study.

The resource allows you to access a broad range of learning materials for personal use or for teaching purposes in order to help everyone expand their public health knowledge. The resources have been set up within four learning styles:

Public Health Textbook organised in relation to the Faculty of Public Health Part A syllabus but can benefit anyone aiming to increase their public health competencies.

Text Courses involve reading provided text and then questions, answers and feedback, in epidemiology, statistical methods, sickness and health information, applications of health information at practitioner and specialist levels.

Video Courses in the form of audio podcasts with animated powerpoint slides and supporting video components, Q&A's and further resources. The subjects covered are finding and

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Interim Management

We have a large number of public health consultants, specialists and analysts available to provide extra capacity. Contact [Penelope Glaister](#) for more details.

Projects

PHAST is currently working on around 30 projects in the UK and internationally.

Recent projects include; Providing a number of needs assessments for a London Council. Topics included diabetes, CVD, cancer, respiratory disease, mental health, children and young people, alcohol and substance misuse. The results were presented at the PHAST Friends and Associates meeting in June. We have completed literature reviews for Buckinghamshire and have just started a project assessing the needs of veterans in a London borough. For information on these and other projects,

appraising the evidence, learning from stakeholders, screening, programme budgeting and marginal analysis.

Management Training with powerpoint slides, workbooks and trainer notes in four clinical areas: diabetes, coronary heart disease, stroke and child health.

PHAST would be interested in your views and ideas for the site so please [get in touch](#) if you have ANY feedback and a huge thank you to all the contributors so far.

Our busy times looks set to continue with PHAST sponsoring the **LGC Awards** for the second year running in 2014. We will sponsor the Health & Social Care Award Category. Invitations to submit an entry will start this July so, if you have been involved in an interesting project please do consider applying. For more information see the LGC [website](#).

PHAST have over 15 years experience in **Individual Funding Request** (IFR) policy, literature reviews and a large database of previous topics to support CCGs. We assist in turning some IFRs into main line commissioning.

We have been keeping track of the guidance on the England Public Health system, the material was updated in July 2013, available [here](#).

Finally, we can provide you with **Literature Reviews** on a wide variety of topics for your local use, they can be [purchased](#) at a reasonable cost.

So, if you want public health expertise, projects or training, PHAST can help you to succeed. Please get in touch via our [website](#) or contact us by [email](#).

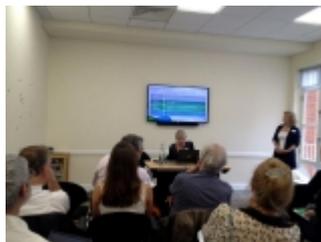
Thank you everyone for continuing to ensure that PHAST is such a success.

Best wishes

Dr Catherine Brogan MBBS MSc FPH
Chief Executive



Kevin Fenton presents at the recent Associates Meeting



see [here](#).

Training

Amongst the variety of training courses PHAST offers, we are currently providing leadership training in the use of public health knowledge and skills for local authority staff and working with public health teams to understand how decisions are made in local authorities. You can view the current [training courses here](#), we can also design bespoke courses to meet your individual needs. PHAST and the Royal Society of Public Health continue to run a number of joint training sessions, [details here](#). Places are limited so do book early. Other sessions coming up this Autumn are:

- Influencing without Authority: 12th September
- Leading Remote Teams: 9th October
- Leadership and Management: 25th October
- Understanding Modern Media: 25th October

Remember: PHAST is a social enterprise - our costs are kept as low as possible for clients and any financial surplus goes to charitable projects.

Updates

Tasmin Pyper and Jenny Sawyer, two PHAST associates, are back from Gambia where they were working on a project called Healthy Families Happy Lives. Details will be on the PHAST website in a new section on our charitable work.

Catherine Brogan and Diane Pickard attended the recent Faculty conference and saw John Ashton inaugurated as the new Faculty President. They caught up with many friends, PHAST patrons and associates.

Catherine Brogan & Cecilia Pyper at the Associates Meeting

Diary

PHAST AGM & Friends and Associates

meeting: 12th September 2013. Our confirmed speaker will be Dr Yvonne Doyle of RDPH London.

12th December - Joint speakers; Murad Ruf and PHAST Director David Murray speaking on HIV Expanding Access.

To attend please [email Penelope Glaister.](#)