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FPHC Newsletter

Welcome to the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care newsletter. We hope you enjoy it. Please get in touch if you have ideas, content, reports or simply want to be involved fphc@rcsed.ac.uk

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Left: Dr Caroline Leech, FPHC Conference & Events Lead, at the BASICS FPHC Annual Conference 2017



The BASICS FPHC Annual Conference 2017



Andrew Heavyside,
Conference Attendee

Over one hundred delegates travelled to Solihull for this year's annual conference and thousands more followed avidly on social media.

They were not to be disappointed, the program was varied, covering areas as diverse as psychological wellbeing, with a moving and thought-provoking recollection of a personal experience of PTSD; sports medicine from the worlds of rugby and diving; emergency services collaboration; fire investigation and CitizenAID.

Alongside the main plenary sessions, workshops were also run for candidates preparing for the Diploma in Immediate Medical Care and for student members of FPHC and BASICS. There was a particularly interesting

and slick demonstration of pit-crew CPR by the BEARS medical team. The Friday ended with the popular conference dinner.



For me particular highlights of the conference came from the 'lessons from' lectures where Kate Prior spoke about developments brought into civilian



practice from over ten years on the battlefield in Afghanistan and Tom Evens discussed ways that we can learn from elite sport psychology, encouraging us to approach challenging cases with a curious mind, wondering what is the best that we can do today.

Another highlight was Ben Singer giving an introduction to the possible benefits of pre-hospital extra-corporeal life support (ECLS) [extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) in cardiac arrest patients] and showing videos of how rapidly it is possible to establish this is a patient in cardiac arrest, with a relatively small pre-hospital team.

Special thanks must go to Caroline Leech and her committee for organising such an excellent program, Tracy Parkinson from BASICS headquarters for providing much of the administrative support and of course to every speaker and contributor.

One thing is sure, everyone will return to their practice re-enthused and in the words of Mark Wilson during his Gibson lecture 'never losing sight of the care' within pre hospital care.



FPHC Scientific Conference

11 and 12 January 2018



Dr Caroline Leech,
FPHC Conference & Events Lead

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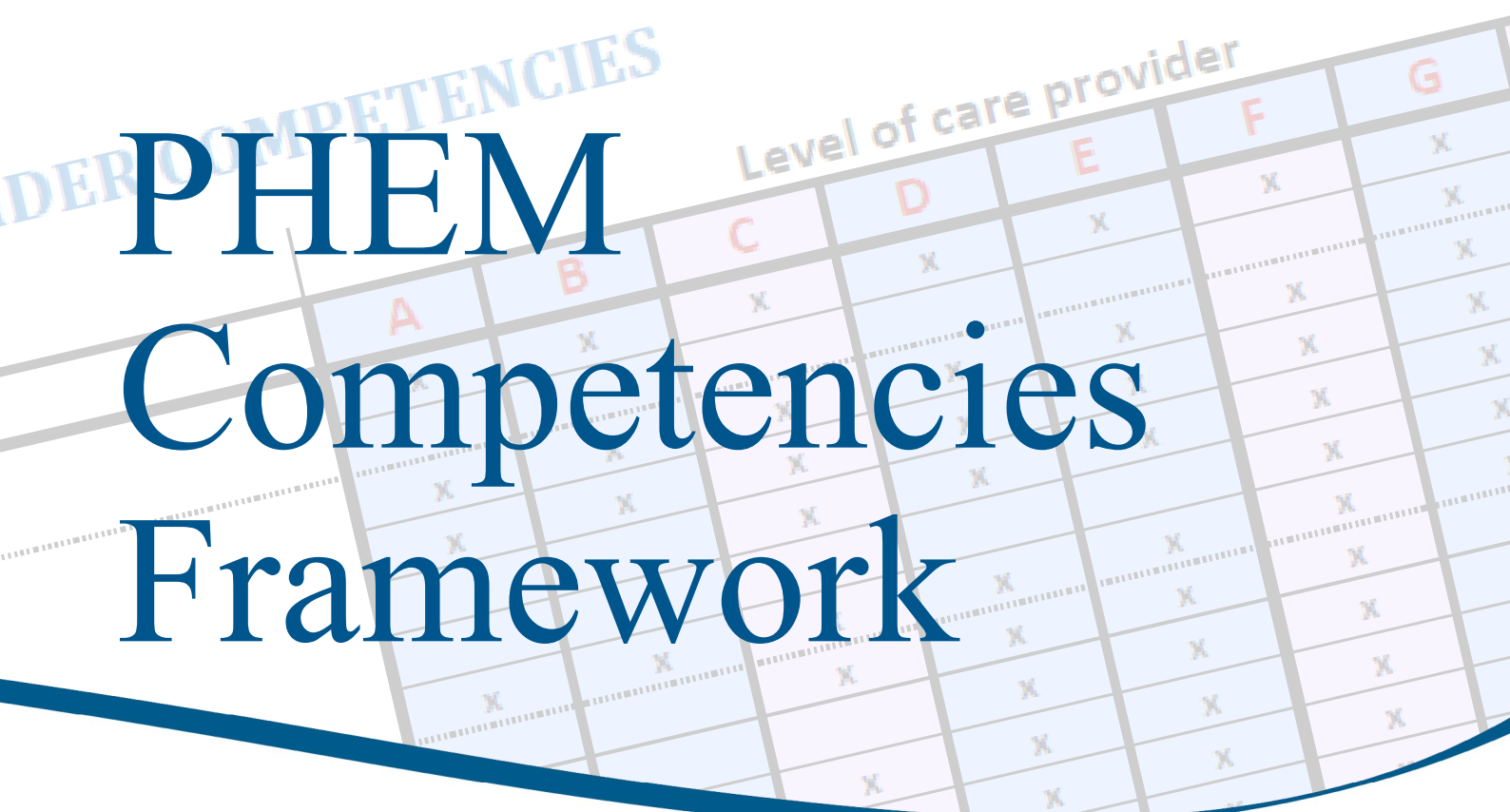
The FPHC Scientific Conference takes place on the 11 and 12 January 2018 at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. The event celebrates the 21st anniversary of the FPHC and the programme promises some fantastic CPD in pre-hospital medicine and trauma.

Tickets start from £55/£75 per day, up to £99 per day for non-members. All attendees are invited to attend the Thursday evening drinks reception with live music and open access to look around the curiosities in the award-winning Surgeons' Hall Museum.

On the first day of the conference there will be a poster competition for attendees to showcase local or regional pre-hospital audits and research, with the opportunity to win £100 cash prize and RCSEd a Quaich.

<https://fphc.rcsed.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/fphc-scientific-conference/poster-competition>

For more information about the Conference and to book tickets, visit the website at <https://fphc.rcsed.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/fphc-scientific-conference> and follow @FPHCEd on Twitter using the #FPHC18 hashtag.



PHEM Competencies Framework

The FPHC first started work on its PHEM competency framework in 2013 publishing it – after wide consultation – in mid-2014.

We have a general policy to review guidelines and advisory material every 3 years as a minimum which led us to set up a working group earlier this year for this task.

Details of the membership of this group and the steering/publishing committee responsible for pulling it together can be found on our [website](#).

Our particular thanks go to Philippa Serebriakoff, a final year medical student at Newcastle, who was not only the co-ordinator and collator of this material but imputed very capably to the discussion that the steering committee had in finalising this framework.

We are delighted to publish the second edition of the PHEM Competency Framework following on from the successful adoption and implementation of its predecessor over the last few years.

The approach to medical conditions has been simplified with a presentations-based approach prioritized over individual diseases or conditions. This is more in keeping with the paradigm already in place for the management of trauma and should help providers in their approach to care and

training delivery organisations in a less unwieldy set of competencies to deliver.

Some key changes include the approach to haemorrhage control, reflecting increasing, earlier use of tourniquets and novel haemostatic agents, and an increased emphasis on chemical as well as thermal burns. We have also endeavoured to factor in the increasing public awareness of and participation in lifesaving care, especially in light of the CitizenAID project.

It remains the case that to be mapped to a level on this framework a course or qualification (or provider/practitioner) must achieve training and assessment of every competence at that level. Many organisations may choose to include elements from higher tiers as appropriate to their scope of practice, but the tier remains the one at which all competencies are achieved. It is also likely that an organisation will have competencies outwith this framework but specific to their operational requirements and hence, while they may exist on the same tier, two qualifications will not necessarily translate seamlessly. This remains the decision of individual organisations and is for them to map to the FPHC framework themselves.

We encourage all organisations to look at their medical training and provision in the context of this document and welcome feedback at any time.

View the PHEM Competencies Framework on our website here: <https://fphc.rcsed.ac.uk/my-fphc/resources/academic-and-professional-resources/fphc-pheM-skills-framework>

My FPHC

We are currently redeveloping the FPHC website. One of the first modifications you will see is the addition of the '[My FPHC](#)' page that can be found on the top menu bar.

Please explore the new subpages and layout. We hope they make it easier for you to access resources

such as Consensus Statements, find out about regional groups, PHEM subspecialty training and understand the structure and organisation of the FPHC.

If you have any suggestions or feedback, please email fphc@rcsed.ac.uk

The screenshot displays the FPHC website interface. At the top, the header includes the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care logo and navigation links: HOME, MEMBERSHIP, EXAMINATIONS, EDUCATION, COURSE ENDORSEMENTS, and CONFERENCES AND EVENTS. The 'MY FPHC' link is highlighted in the top menu bar. Below the header, a large banner image shows a paramedic attending to a patient. A breadcrumb trail indicates 'YOU ARE HERE: / HOME / MY FPHC'. The main content area is titled 'My FPHC' and contains a welcome message: 'We have created "My FPHC" to provide our Members, Fellows and pre-hospital care practitioners with an easily accessible, resource rich, one-stop-web-hub. Within the hub we have curated a mixture of FPHC and external resources to aid professional development for all practitioners across the full pre-hospital care spectrum. We have made it easy to connect locally by showcasing the Faculty's broad range of activities at regional level. So whether you are a seasoned practitioner, a student or junior doctor, a PHEMTA trainee or if you just want to find out about your local Pre-hospital Care Course (PCP) or Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine (PHEM) you can find out what's happening on your doorstep at the touch of a button.' Below this, a notice states: 'In the coming weeks we will be developing a regional map linking to individual regions to make it even easier to connect. So watch this space! In the meantime click on the map below to take you to our regional home page.' To the right, there is a search bar and two featured sections: 'Consensus Statements' with a photo of three people and a link to view details, and 'Scientific Conference' with a photo of a building. A large number '6' is visible in the bottom right corner of the screenshot.