

FPHC Annual Report 2023



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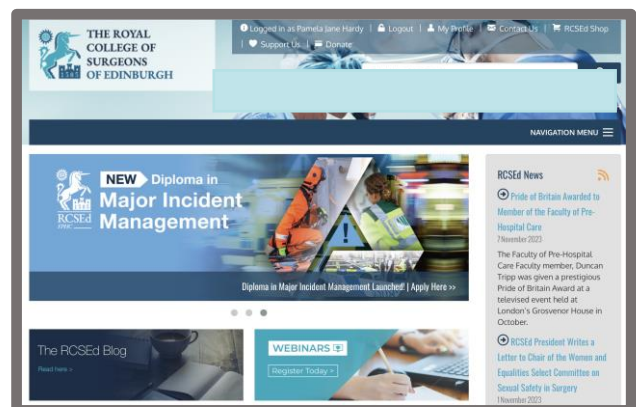
It has been an incredible year for the Faculty of Pre-hospital Care (FPHC) with numerous positive outputs, thanks to significant work by many of our members and the Faculty office team.

At the beginning of the year, we were cited in the Manchester Arena Inquiry to provide a statement regarding the remit of FPHC and our proposed actions against the Volume II monitored recommendations. Much work went into this supported by Beth Stevenson, Faculty Manager, and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) and was undertaken as requested by the Chair of the Inquiry in collaboration with the College of Paramedics, the National Ambulance Resilience Unit and NHS England.

Our involvement in the Manchester Arena Inquiry escalated the profile of the FPHC to a new level and we are now seen as a key collaborator in the work being taken forward by NHS England. We have representatives on individual Task & Finish groups addressing the monitored recommendations, and I have been co-opted onto the NHS England Strategic Oversight Group.

It also acted as a catalyst to the final sign-off of the long-awaited Diploma in Major Incident Management (DIMM), which was launched in October, with a mock exam taking place in January and first diet in July 2024.

We received a strong statement of support for the launch of our Diploma from the Chair of the Inquiry, the Hon. Sir John Saunders.



Following a proposal and discussions, the Intercollegiate Board for Training in Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine (IBTPHEM) is now hosted by FPHC and RCSEd. This feels like an appropriate step for this Board, with the DIMC and FIMC exams being the summative assessments for PHEM training, whilst also open to a multi-professional audience. We are extremely grateful to RCSEd for their continued insight into this important development and the wider multi-professional aspects that we strongly believe achieve the best outcomes for our patients.

There has been a positive response from the GMC regarding the implementation of the updated 2022 IBTPHEM curriculum, led by Dr Nathan Howes, showcasing excellence not only in patient care, but also training and the needs of trainees.

The Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine Trainees' Association (PHEMTA) Group has been busy supporting trainees as detailed in their report.

We ran the very successful FPHC Conference on the 6th & 7th November in the College. Our thanks go to Professor David Lockey, and to Gordon Ingram with the organisation and delivery of future conferences now being moved to a specific Conference organiser role. The event was sold out and exceeded capacity of the College, with approximately 260 delegates attending over the 2 days, and a further ~ 100 on a waiting list.

The delegates comprised members and non-members, students, and non-healthcare professionals, with multi-professional representation and a positive atmosphere of engagement and excellent programme of speakers.

We have been working with the Communications Committee and the RCSEd Marcomms team uploading resources from the conference including an excellent podcast from Paramedicast and many of the 50+ posters we had displayed, as well as news items about the poster winners and presentations of our Honorary Fellowships and FPHC Medals.

Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty was awarded to Professor Karim Brohi and Professor Hans Morten Lossius for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields of work and to pre-hospital care. The recipients of the FPHC Medal were Professor Tim Nutbeam and Mr David Whitmore.

Our exams go from strength to strength, with full diets of both the Diploma in Retrieval and Transport Medicine (DRTM) and Diploma in Urgent Medical Care (DUMC) this year, as well as the continued popularity of the Diploma and Fellowship in Immediate Medical Care. A total of 364 candidates attended for our exams in 2023. DIMM will commence July 2024.

The Diploma in Remote & Offshore Medicine (DipROM) programme is undergoing review led by our Executive Lead David Whitmore, with some new recruitment to module tutors and markers and as well as starting conversations with the Faculty of Remote, Rural and Humanitarian Healthcare and the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries to explore possible collaboration on modules.

The Crowd Doctors and Practitioner courses remain so popular that additional course dates have been added.

Our Faculty Advisory Board (FAB) has been extremely well-attended with an agenda and productive discussions that reflect the recognition of the collaborative hub of the FPHC. This includes everything from the need to address initial interventions by members of the public, to the request for position statements around high acuity low occurrence events.

All the statutory and voluntary emergency services are looking to us to help set national standards across their agencies and share these across military and civilian practice where applicable.

Discussions are ongoing with The University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) around development of an MSc in Pre-hospital Care for those without a primary degree. This is already in place for the DUMC and is a model that fits with some of our other exams.

Work is ongoing to refresh and write new consensus documents, now supported by a new Chair and members of the Clinical Standards Committee. The Faculty Webinar programme delivered a number of well attended episodes in 2023.

Our international reach has increased considerably following the FPHC Pre-Hospital Workshop held in India in association with the RCSEd International Conference in 2022, led by Dr David Bruce. He and his team delivered two inaugural Pre-Hospital Trauma Care (PHTC) courses in Chennai in April 23.

The courses were delivered at, and strongly supported by, the Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER). Funding was provided by the UK-registered charity Saving Lives International.

To promote local training, a 1-day Instructor Course was delivered in October 23 and a subsequent Provider Course to new candidates over the next 2 days. In keeping with the FPHC's multidisciplinary membership, 3 of the 12 Instructors trained were Indian paramedics. The next PHTC Course is scheduled to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal in February 2024.

Work has also been ongoing around a tactical pre-hospital care course for colleagues at the European Security Academy in Poland with endorsement of the course content and further potential for endorsing a course delivered by the British Army in Kenya.



Several members of FPHC were invited to the launch/re-branding of Saving Lives International at the House of Lords in September 23. We engaged with the Ambassador of Nepal to the UK and the High Commissioner of Uganda to the UK; both are interested in extending training within their nations.

David Bruce is standing down as FPHC International Development Lead after 5 years in this role, achieving this and much more including liaison with many other countries. Our huge and heartfelt thanks go to him for all his work on behalf of FPHC.

Further detail and much more is contained in the committees and groups reports below and I urge you all to read them. I extend my thanks to everyone who has contributed. There really is so much work that is being done that I am unable to capture it all here. We have welcomed some new members, office staff and appointments, and I would also like to thank those who have demitted from their terms of office this year. I remain immensely grateful for the hard work of Beth and the office team without whom none of this would be possible. It is maybe timely that the Communications Committee has been regenerated and already started to produce some great work showcasing the achievements of FPHC and raising our profile. We look forward to their continued engagement with our members, including through our regional groups to further share our purpose and progress.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support to the Faculty of Pre-hospital Care.

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