



Fuse Quarterly Research Meeting

Equal North: how can we reduce health inequalities in the North?

The Core, Science Central, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5TF
Thursday 12 January, 10am - 3.30pm

Programme

10.00	Registration and tea/coffee
10.30	Introduction and overview <i>Clare Bamba</i>
10.45	Keynote presentations introductions <i>Chair: Clare Bamba</i>
10.45	Margaret Whitehead, WH Duncan Professor of Public Health, University of Liverpool <i>The Due North Report</i>
11.15	Paul Johnstone, Regional Director, North of England, Public Health England <i>Public Health England and the Due North Agenda</i>
11.45	Peter Kelly, Director of Public Health England North East <i>Health inequalities, devolution and the North East</i>
12.15	Lunch and networking
13.30	Workshops: Priority areas for health inequalities in the North
14.30	Tea/coffee
15.00	Panel discussion <i>Chair: Eileen Kaner</i> <i>Panel Members: Clare Bamba, Jane Hartley, Margaret Whitehead, Paul Johnstone, Peter Kelly, Mark Shucksmith, Sohail Bhatti</i>
15.30	Meeting close

Michelle Addison, Newcastle University

Social Games and Identity in the Higher Education Workplace. Playing with Gender, Class and Emotion (book available at discounted price) <http://www.palgrave.com/de/book/9781137518026>

Time Higher Education – a recommended book of 2016:

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/books/reviews-best-books-of-the-year-2016>

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Speakers:

Professor Dame Margaret Whitehead holds the W.H. Duncan Chair of Public Health, and is also the Head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Policy Research on the Social Determinants of Health. Margaret has worked extensively on social inequalities in health and in health care, in particular the question of what can be done to reduce them.

Longstanding research interests have been the assessment of policies and strategies to tackle inequalities in health and in health care. The current research programme that Margaret Whitehead leads focuses on the social dimensions of ill-health. In particular it traces social pathways to and from health inequalities and what this means for developing more effective health and social policy. The programme explores not only the social causes of ill health, but also the adverse consequences of having a chronic illness, such as reduced income and employment chances, social isolation and stigma in relation to specific tracer conditions. With international collaborators, her studies are looking at the ways in which health and social welfare systems themselves reduce or exacerbate the adverse consequences of ill-health and what can be done to improve the situation. She is keenly involved in knowledge transfer; finding ways for research evidence to get to where it can be most useful in informing policy-making and public health practice.

Professor Paul Johnstone is the regional Director (North) and an executive director for Public Health England. Previously he was Director of Public Health for NHS North of England (2011-2013) and then Regional Director of Public Health for Yorkshire & Humber (setting up its first regional team 2002-11). Since joining the NHS in 1983, Paul has worked as a hospital doctor, GP and executive director.

Paul has extensive international experience, working with refugees in Pakistan and Sudan, then for the Department for International Development (DFID) and a health advisor in the West Indies. Recently he worked in Sierra Leone for Public Health England (PHE) as a senior technical advisor for the World Health Organization (WHO) and led work advising the government in re-establishing its health protection role at the end of the Ebola crisis. This work also led to a multi-million pound DFID funded project to support the country's long term construction.

Professor Peter Kelly joined Public Health England in September 2016 as Centre Director for the North East having previously been the Director of Public Health for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council for four years. Previous to this he was a Director of Public Health for 11 years in various NHS posts in the North East of England, including two years as Acting Regional Director of Public Health.

His current responsibilities include leading the provision of a high quality, responsive expert public health service to support the work of the Local Authorities and NHS partners in the North East.

Peter started his career as a medical statistician following completion of his PhD in statistics in 1987 and he worked as a university lecturer until 1999 when he joined Pfizer Pharmaceuticals for a brief spell before joining the NHS in 2000. He also had four years' experience as an acute hospital non-executive director before joining the NHS full time.

Further information and booking details can be found on the [Fuse website](#).

Equal North Event: *save the date*, 29 March 2017 in Liverpool

Please save the date for the future Equal North network event which will be hosted by **LiLaC: the Liverpool and Lancaster Universities Collaboration for Public Health Research**, which is co-directed by Professors Jennie Popay and Margaret Whitehead. LiLaC who specialise in applied public health research to tackle the social determinants of inequalities in health.