

# Symposium programme

## Public Health in a Changing World

RCPE Symposium held on Wednesday 31 May 2017

**09.00**      **Registration and Coffee**

**09.25**      **Welcome**

by Professor Derek Bell, President, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

### **Session 1 - Healthy cities: Glasgow and beyond**

Chair: Professor Carol Tannahill, Director, Glasgow Centre for Population Health

**09.30**      **Why is there excess mortality in the West of Scotland?**

Dr David Walsh, Public Health Programme Manager, Glasgow Centre for Population Health

\*summary of data on excess mortality \*the underlying story \*what is the most appropriate policy response?

**10.00**      **Why do some Scots remain unhealthier than others? Learning from Healthy Cities research**

Professor Evelyn de Leeuw, Professor and Director, Centre for Health Equity Training, Research & Evaluation, New South Wales, Australia **(by live link)**

\*initial thoughts on plausibility of a Glasgow/Scotland effect \*how to respond at the city-wide level \*lessons from healthy cities \*advice on using evidence to influence policy

**10.30**      **Discussion**

**10.45**      **Coffee/Tea and poster viewing**

### **Session 2 - International public health**

Chair: Dr Nicola Steedman, Senior Medical Officer, Scottish Government

**11.10**      **Emerging infections**

Professor David Heymann CBE, Head and Senior Fellow, The Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House, London

\* history of recent emerging infections \* current epidemiology and public health measures re Ebola and Zika \* what's next?

**11.40**      **How do we achieve elimination of tuberculosis by 2050?**

Professor Ajit Lalvani, Chair of Infectious Diseases, Imperial College London

\* current global and UK epidemiology \* multidrug resistance \* public health strategies to decrease TB in the UK and globally and key elements of those strategies

**12.10**      **Discussion**

**12.20**      **Lunch and poster viewing**

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### Session 3 - European public health

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#### 13.15 DR ANDREW DUNCAN LECTURE

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##### Public health challenges in Europe

Professor Martin McKee, Professor of European Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London

\*political destabilisation and its impact across Europe \*economic instability/austerity and its impact \*Brexit

#### 14.00 The impact of migration on health

Dr Xand van Tulleken, Helen Hamlyn Senior Fellow, Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs, Fordham University, New York

\*work in refugee camps and humanitarian organisations \*lessons for public health at national, European and global level \*life as a doctor in the media

#### 14.30 Coffee / Tea

### Session 4 - Tools for change

Chair: Dr Margaret Hannah, Director of Public Health, NHS Fife

#### 14.55 Social and digital media

Dr Andrew Murray, General Practitioner and Specialist in Sports and Exercise Medicine

\*using social media to effect behavioural change with professionals and the public \*where we are now and future challenges \*where social media is not helpful \*physical activity as an example

#### 15.25 Fiscal policy

Professor Colin Drummond, Professor of Addiction Psychiatry, National Addiction Centre, King's College London

\* role of fiscal and tax measures in Public Health \* specific lessons from countries which have tried to introduce alcohol minimum unit pricing \* likely response of the alcohol industry if introduced \* where next for regulation/ fiscal measures in UK?

#### 15.55 The fierce urgency of now

Dr Helen Bevan, Chief Transformation Officer, Horizons, NHS England

\*leadership during a time of major change \*leadership in the new world \*skills we need to make a difference \*how to be an agent of change

#### 16.25 Presentation of prizes

#### 16.30 Close