

Details of Breakout sessions

We will be running 3 breakout sessions simultaneously, details as outlined below; as part of the booking process you will be able to choose to attend one of your choice.

1. Health Inequalities and the Impact of COVID-19. What Next?

The need for urgent national action on health inequalities has been highlighted for a number of years. Covid-19's inequitable health and economic impact has brought this issue into the public eye.

In this breakout we will hear from consultant colleagues from the North West and from London about how the pandemic is impacting health inequalities and the response.

There will be the opportunity for smaller group discussions where we will focus on our role as public health leaders in reducing health inequalities going forwards, and how we can take advantage of the current momentum around tackling inequalities brought about by the pandemic.

2. Leadership, workforce and wellbeing

Public health is everyone's business, though led by the expertise of public health professionals. Over the last 12 months, the COVID-19 pandemic has altered the working priorities and practices of many and changed perceptions of public health. We will reflect on the impacts of these changes and consider key actions for the future in relation to the following areas; winning the wider workforce to public health, leading effectively, and promoting compassion and wellbeing at work.

The session will be led by Paula Head, a Senior Leadership Fellow at the Kings Fund who has previously been Chief Executive at a community provider, DGH and most recently at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust. She has also worked with NHSE/I Test and Trace.

3. Sustainability and climate change

COVID-19 has taken centre stage in the minds of public health professionals for the past year, highlighting issues and inequalities like never before.

However, in the background is the looming and bigger threat of the climate and ecological crisis. In the year of the COP26 summit in Glasgow, we will be discussing how sustainability and climate action can be incorporated into COVID-19 recovery plans, inequality and climate change and public health co-benefits of action of climate change action.

The session will be led by Peter Davey, Public Health registrar and sustainability representative on the StR Network and other sustainability representatives.