



Council of
Deans of Health

Twenty years of
leadership in education
and research

Membership Information Pack

Key information for Council members

2018/19



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1. About the Council

1.1. Our purpose

The Council of Deans of Health is the representative voice of UK university faculties engaged in education and research for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. Operating across the UK at the heart of policy and political debate, we aim to lead policy at national, UK and EU level, promoting the essential contribution of our members to health and social care.

The Council was first set up in 1997, initially representing nursing and midwifery academics. The Council expanded to include the allied health professions in 2006 and adopted the name 'Council of Deans of Health' in 2008 (read more on [the history of the Council](#)). Since 2012 the Council has been an associated organisation of Universities UK.

1.2. The Council's strategic priorities for 2018-2021

1.2.1. Influence policy agendas UK-wide

In the next three years, we will continue to influence government agendas across the UK for all the professions we educate. Using our membership intelligence effectively we will be working in partnership with others seeking positive impact across our professions as we will engage in high level policy agendas UK wide.

1.2.2. Secure sustainable funding for our disciplines

Recognising the diversity in the funding and commissioning of higher education and research across the UK, in the next three years we will focus our energy on advocating for sustainability of funding for higher education and increased focus in research funding for our disciplines.

1.2.3. Foster leadership and innovation

As healthcare higher education leaders navigate the complexity of our political and economic landscape, it is now more crucial than ever to recognise that strong leadership of our professions will lead to better outcomes for education and research in our sector. Recognising that our research community needs strengthening, we are committed to enhancing research capacity, building our academy and making the case for stronger government focus and public understanding on the contribution research and innovation make to the economy and society.

You can read more on our priorities and activities in our [strategic plan](#).

2. Our events

2.1. Full Council meetings

There are three full Council meetings each year which provide an opportunity for members to come together and network, discuss key policy issues and listen to speakers on a range of topics relevant to health higher education. At each of the full Council meetings we hold a new member breakfast which gives new members a chance to talk informally with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Director.

Registration for full Council meetings generally opens three months before the event and details are circulated to members and their PAs via email. Each institution is currently limited to a maximum of two places and with events reaching capacity very quickly we advise booking early.

2.1.1. Dates for 2018/19:

- Full Council: 11 October 2018, Glasgow
- Annual Conference: 22 January 2019, London
- Summit: 15-16 May 2019, Cardiff

2.2. New member meetings

We offer introductory meetings in London for new members. These provide an opportunity to learn more about the Council's work and meet members of the team.

2.3. Workshops/seminars

The Council runs workshops and seminars on specific policy issues, along with roundtable events and policy dinners. Details of events are circulated in the weekly Bulletin.

For more information about the Council's events contact [Nadia Butt](#).

3. Communications

3.1. Bulletins/emails

The Council's main channel of communication with its members is via the weekly bulletin which is sent out on Thursday afternoons. Urgent or sensitive information is sent directly to members and their PAs. Members and PAs are automatically signed up to these distribution lists.

3.2. Websites

3.2.1. www.councilofdeans.org.uk

The [Council's website](#) is our main shop window. Regularly updated, it features blogs, briefings, consultation responses and news releases.

The website also hosts a free service for members for advertising faculty jobs and external examiner posts. Adverts can be submitted via the form on the [Sector Jobs](#) page of the website and once approved will appear on both the website and the weekly jobs bulletin.

3.2.2. www.thefundingclinic.org.uk

Following the announcement of changes to the way health higher education courses in England will be funded from August 2017 we launched [The Funding Clinic](#), a dedicated microsite to explain the new system to prospective students, university staff and employers.

3.3. Social media

We are active on Twitter via [@councilofdeans](#). We also hold twitterchats on topics of interest to our members. Previous topics have included: what makes a good research environment, supporting students raising concerns, clinical simulation and social media as a learning tool.

If you have any questions about the Council's communications, contact [Jon Eames](#).

4. Opportunities to get involved

4.1. Member visits

We offer visits to member institutions throughout the year. These visits provide an opportunity to meet members and wider faculty staff, gain a greater insight into local issues and concerns, answer questions from members, provide policy updates and discuss the Council's work. To book a visit, contact [Jennifer Williams](#).

4.2. CoDH Working Groups

We have a number of internal working groups for members which have been set up to support our policy work. These either align with the Executive portfolio roles, such as research or regulation, or specific strands of work such as students raising concerns. The groups are open to all Council members and nominated faculty staff. If you are interested in joining a group or would like further information, contact [Fleur Nielsen](#).

4.3. Student Leadership Programme

In partnership with Burdett Trust for Nursing, we run a leadership programme for first and second year undergraduate pre-registration students and first year pre-registration postgraduate students. You can find out more about the Programme on the Student Leadership Programme [website](#) and on Twitter following the hashtag [#150Leaders](#).

[Nadia Butt](#) is the contact for the Student Leadership Programme.

5. The Council's staff team

Name and contact details	Responsibilities
Katerina Kolyva, Executive Director katerina.kolyva@cod-health.ac.uk T: 020 7419 5520	Organisational leadership. External engagement. Business Development.
Fleur Nielsen, Head of Policy fleur.nielsen@cod-health.ac.uk T: 020 7419 5508 / M: 07930 121 309	Leadership of the policy team and overview of all policy matters. Main contact for policy queries.
Jon Eames, Head of Membership & Communications jonathan.eames@cod-health.ac.uk T: 020 7419 5602 / M: 07496 693 806	Leading the Council's internal and external communications, membership services and events programme.
Jenny Williams, Membership and Governance Officer jennifer.williams@cod-health.ac.uk T: 020 7419 5520	Responsible for the Council's membership services and governance. Main contact for all membership queries, including subscriptions.
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Nadia Butt, Project and Events Officer nadia.butt@cod-health.ac.uk T: 020 7419 5555	Lead for the Council's Student Leadership Project and events administration.
Marsha Brown, Business Support Coordinator marsha.brown@cod-health.ac.uk T: 020 7419 5521	Responsible for finance, admin support and PA to the Executive Director.

We welcome contact from members by email or phone, so do feel free to contact members of the team with any queries.

6. Governance

6.1. The Executive Team

The Executive Team is based on a combination of nation representatives and portfolio-based posts to support the Council's aspiration to work across research, education impact, regulation and global activities on a multi-professional basis.

Each Executive Team position is open to all members, based on nomination from two fellow members of Council. Elections are by single transferable vote on the basis of one vote per member institution. Members serve for a period of three years, with the option of standing for one further three-year term. Terms of office are staggered so that no more than half of the Executive Team is due to be elected at one time. The Council's Executive Team meets six times a year and the minutes of these meetings are available in the Members' Area of the website.

6.2. Current members of the Executive Team

Name	Role
Brian Webster-Henderson, Edinburgh Napier University	Chair
Jan Draper, The Open University	Vice-Chair
Iain Beith, Kingston University / St George's, University of London	Treasurer
Brendan McCormack, Queen Margaret University	Executive Member – Research
Guy Daly, Coventry University	Executive Member – Global
Nigel Harrison, University of Central Lancashire	Executive Member – Education Impact
Paula Holt, University of Derby	Executive Member – Regulation
Ruth Taylor, Anglia Ruskin University	Executive Member - Workforce
Carol Curran, Ulster University	Executive Member – Northern Ireland
Fiona Coutts, Queen Margaret University	Executive Member – Scotland
Ceri Phillips, Swansea University	Executive Member – Wales

For more information about the Council's governance contact [Jennifer Williams](#)

7. Council of Deans of Health Scotland

7.1. The purpose of CoDH Scotland

The Council of Deans of Health Scotland is the independent and strategic voice of education and research for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals in Scotland's universities. Launched in September 2015, CoDH Scotland represents all Scotland's universities involved in nursing, midwifery and allied health professional education and research. Meetings are held four times per year along with an annual Retreat. A Convener and Vice-Convener are elected to serve a three-year term.

Name	Role
Fiona Coutts, Queen Margaret University	Convener
Charlotte Clarke, University of Edinburgh	Vice-Convener
Tracy Humphrey, Edinburgh Napier University	Portfolio Lead Workforce
Lynn Kilbride, Glasgow Caledonian University	Portfolio Lead Regulation
Charlotte Clarke, University of Edinburgh	Portfolio Lead Global
Brendan McCormack, Queen Margaret University	Portfolio Lead Research
Andrea Cameron, University of Abertay	Portfolio Lead Education Impact

7.2. Strategic priorities

CoDH Scotland has identified that its initial strategic priorities are around four themes:

- Research
- Curriculum
- Pre-registration commissioning
- Postgraduate education

The group has published position papers on [pre-registration education](#) and [research](#). CoDH Scotland is also involved in the Scottish Government's review of pre-registration commissioning as well as the review of nursing and midwifery student support.

For more information about CoDH Scotland contact [Lorna Fraser](#).

8. Council of Deans of Health Wales / Cyngor Deoniaid Iechyd Cymru

8.1. The purpose of CoDH Wales

The Council of Deans of Health Wales is the strategic voice of university faculties in Wales engaged in nursing, midwifery and allied health profession education and research.

Name	Role
Ceri Phillips, Swansea University	Wales Chair
Chris Burton, Bangor University	Vice Chair
Chris Burton, Bangor University with Martin Steggall, University of South Wales	Portfolio Lead Research
Jayne Cutter, Swansea University	Portfolio Lead Workforce
Madi Ruby, Glyndŵr University with Shaaron Pratt, Cardiff University	Portfolio Lead Regulation
Helen Carey, Glyndŵr University	Portfolio Lead Global
Nicky Genders, University of South Wales	Portfolio Lead Education Impact

8.2. Strategic priorities

- Influencing creation of Health Education Wales
- Commissioning process and workforce planning
- Future education funding for nurses, midwives and allied health professions
- Strengthening of research and clinical academic careers

For more information about CoDH Wales contact [Anji Kadam](#).