

About the Royal Society of Public Health

The Royal Society of Health, also known as the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health (RSPH), was established in 1876 following the landmark Public Health Act of 1875. Previously known as the Sanitary Institute (1876-1904) and the Royal Sanitary Institute (1904–55), it was created during a period of great change within the areas of public health provision and sanitary reform to which it contributed significantly.

During its first fifty years, the Society became the leading public health organization both in Great Britain and the rest of the world. It was soon renowned for events and conferences on pioneering and topical issues and developed qualifications for people working in public health professions. By the 1950s, the Society was a leading authority in its field, and was regularly consulted by governments and the international press on health-related issues. Since the 1970s, the Society has focused its activities on the most successful areas of its work - examinations, certification, and the journals Public Health and Perspectives in Public Health.

Today, RSPH is the longest-established public health organization in the United Kingdom. It is incorporated by Royal Charter completely independent of government and of any special interest. Members are academics, health professionals and practitioners who share an interest in promoting health through their daily work and come together through RSPH membership to provide cross-cutting, multidisciplinary perspectives on current health questions.

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Dr. Lee is a highly respected public health academic and long-standing Editor-in-Chief for Public Health, a journal of the Royal Society for Public Health. He has been a key supporter of the RSPH work over many years and is well recognized for his work across public health not just in the UK but globally. Dr. Lee joined the Section of Public Health at the University of Sheffield in February 2008 and is a Professor of Public Health.

Dr. Lee qualified in medicine from the University of Edinburgh. Following pediatric and tropical medicine training, he then worked overseas running primary health care and tuberculosis control programs in Afghanistan. Dr. Lee is dual trained in general practice and public health in the UK.

Dr. Lee previously worked as a Public Health Consultant in Nottingham City, as a director of primary care and population health with the NHS, and as a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control with the Health Protection Agency, Public Health England and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). In addition to his academic role, he also currently a Senior Consultant in Global Health with the UKHSA.