

Who we are

The AHPN is the leading national organisation that influences policy on health and wellbeing issues that affect Africans in the UK.

We are a network of membership organisations and individuals with a common goal to improve the health and wellbeing of the UK's African population. The AHPN acts as a focal point and catalyst for individuals and organisations in the African community, providing platforms to share learning and experience, to influence policy and to speak with a collective voice.

Our mission, vision and values

The AHPN's **mission** is to improve the health and wellbeing of Africans living in the UK who are disproportionately affected by long term health conditions such as HIV, mental health, diabetes and obesity.

Our **vision** is to narrow the health inequality gap by ensuring that African communities in the UK have equal access to services, support and information. This is achieved through a human rights based approach that ensures that the design, delivery and monitoring of health and cares services are tailored around the needs of Africans in the UK.

Our members

AHPN's membership network includes organisations working at local, regional and national level. The wealth of its membership includes those that work in the health, social care, faith, and private sector. Members share AHPN's aims and objectives, and work with and influence AHPN in shaping the national health policy agenda affecting Africans in the UK. Membership at AHPN is dynamic, meaningful and beneficial to all partners.

AHPN provides opportunities for its members to engage with their peers in their local community, through local partnerships and networking. AHPN members make their voices heard on issues that affect them and their communities, and lead AHPN activities.

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What we offer our members

- 1) **Monthly e-newsletter:** featuring policy developments, updates on projects and campaigns, reports from conferences and seminars, details of upcoming events and member contributions.
- 2) **Fact sheets and policy alerts:** on the current status of policy discussion and briefings on specific themes, as well as policy alerts whenever an important development in health policy affecting Africans occurs.
- 3) **Events:** AHPN organises conferences, seminars, workshops and themed events to give members the opportunity to meet, network and learn from each other's experiences and address in depth key policy issues.
- 4) **Training and capacity building:** we offer training and capacity building to members, reflecting their needs.
- 5) **Access to resources:** members have full access to AHPN's research, reports and policy documents, comprehensive database of relevant organisations and 'knowledge base' produced by the African HIV Research Forum.
- 6) **Representation and collective voice:** AHPN represents the voices and views of members at national and international forums, raising awareness about health issues affecting Africans in the UK.
- 7) **Support to navigate policy:** information on effective ways to influence policy and practice; sharing methods and tactics; monitoring policies; grass roots campaigning; supporting members' work at national and regional level; and investing its weight as a national organisation.
- 8) **Membership Executive Group:** a group of members representing the membership who influence AHPN strategy and policy work
- 9) **Regional member groups:** led by members of the Executive Group, providing opportunities to share ideas, network and learn from other members.

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What we expect from our members

Membership at AHPN is envisaged as an ongoing dialogue. We expect **active involvement** from our members: Members will be expected to pay their subscription, contribute to AHPN's work by engaging in policy consultations, respond to surveys, contribute articles to AHPN publications, participate in AHPN conferences, seminars, evidence workshops and help develop resources.

What our members say about us

"Excellent working relationship and AHPN provides useful information"

"Thank you for the brilliant work you are doing especially the recent review and developments of the AHPN. We are very excited about the future with the broadening to African Health Policy Network. We are so proud of you and will continue supporting and participating in AHPN activities."

Join today

To become a member and join the network simply complete the application form, available at www.ahpn.org/membership or at the address below.

Membership Categories and Costs

Organisations: Membership costs only **£60** a year for organisations with an income below £5 million per year. Those with a higher income pay **£250** a year. For organisations with very low incomes, please contact us to discuss.

Individual: we also offer individual membership, for people that are interested, personally, professionally or academically, in health determinants affecting the African community, but do not work for an organisation that can join our network. This costs only **£10** per year.

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