



**PRINCIPLES FOR DISCUSSION:  
afPE REGIONAL AND HOME COUNTRY HUBS**

1. afPE is a UK organisation.
2. Overall strategy will be common across the UK (ie, nature of physical education, position on primary physical education, relationships between research, practice & policy).
3. Regions and home countries will be constituted entities, able to apply for funding in their own right. afPE national will provide an exemplar constitution for adaption/adoption by HC/regional entities.
4. Regions' and home countries' hubs will operate within national (UK) framework, but taking account of HC, regional & local needs. There will be a Memorandum of Agreement between afPE national and each HC/regional entity, outlining respective remits and roles. HC/regional entities will commit not to operate in any way which would conflict with agreed national strategy or policy, or compete with national delivery structures or systems. afPE national will provide support and advice on securing appropriate income streams.
5. Home country arrangements must take account of devolved administrations for education and sport. afPE must develop capacity to support members' activities relating to those political and government structures, but leadership must come from within HC membership.
6. The principal needs for HC and regional hubs to be effective are:
  - a. Leadership
  - b. Administrative support
  - c. Location and IT/office infrastructure
  - d. Member engagement
7. afPE national will consider requests for financial assistance for administrative support or other expenses from HCs and/or regions in the context of need, and on condition that members in the HC/region:
  - have clear leadership and accountability to members in their areas, and to afPE national;
  - a constitution and bank account
  - have negotiated sustainable office space and IT infrastructure from an institution or local authority whose objects can be supported or furthered by a formal association with afPE.

8. Among other functions, HCs and regions will:
  - a. Promote membership within their areas;
  - b. Provide support services for members in their areas, against regional/local needs;
  - c. Establish and keep updated a communication system (preferably electronic) with members in their area;
  - d. Facilitate two-way communication between their area and afPE national, especially around member services, professional leadership and CPD provision;
  - e. Provide support for CPD delivery taking part in their area;
  - f. Identify suitable members from their regions/HCs who are willing and have the expertise to participate in issue-related E-fora, thus providing speedy responses to consultations and policy discussions;
  - g. Provide a representative for the Policy Advisory Group, which will meet twice each year to offer policy advice for the Board and senior management team. In addition, each of the Home Countries will provide a representative to participate in the UK & International Affairs Committee.

Board members and representatives of regions and HCs are invited to consider and add to these suggestions.