

Would you like further information on professional registration with the UKPHR?



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Useful websites and further information:

UKPHR:

<http://www.publichealthregister.org.uk/>

Kent & Medway:

<http://www.kmpho.nhs.uk/>

South Central:

http://www.workforce.southcentral.nhs.uk/about_us/public_health_development.aspx

PHSCF:

<http://www.sph.nhs.uk/what-we-do/public-health-workforce/outcomes/public-health-skills-and-career-framework>

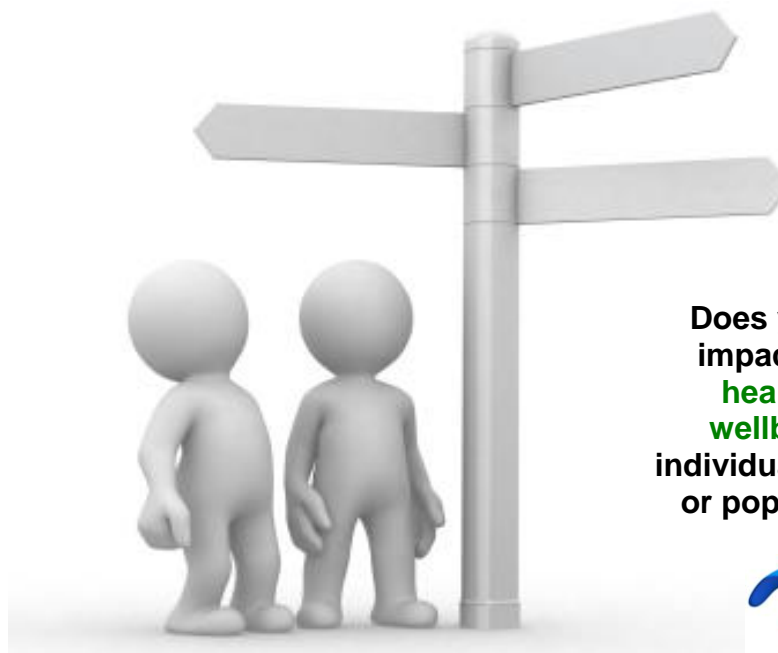
PHORCaST:

<http://www.phorcast.org.uk/index.php>

Skills for Health:

<http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/service-area/public-health/>

Practitioner Registration on the UK Public Health Register
Information for: Prospective Registered Practitioners



Does your role impact on the **health and wellbeing** of individuals, groups or populations?



Have you been working within the role (or held similar roles) for a minimum of **two years**?



Then this leaflet is for you!



Section 1: About this leaflet

This leaflet explains how practitioners can obtain professional registration with the UK Public Health Register (UKPHR) via an approved local scheme.

Practitioners must be working at level 5 (the level of autonomous practice) or above on the Public Health Skills and Career Framework (PHSCF) - but below specialist/consultant level, for a minimum of two years to be considered.

1.1 Background

Since 2003, the UKPHR has provided public protection by ensuring only competent public health professionals, at specialist level, are registered and that high standards of practice are maintained.

“A vision for core standards to be held by all public health practitioners”

In April 2011, the register opened for practitioners and the first two practitioners were enrolled in June 2011. Numbers are expected to accelerate as over 200 practitioners across four pilot sites (NHS Kent and Medway, NHS South Central, NHS West Midlands, Public Health Wales) are working towards registration.

Section 2: Benefits of Practitioner Registration

Professional registration with the UKPHR brings a wealth of benefits to the individual, organisation and the communities they serve. Benefits include:

- A significant opportunity to become part of a quality assured public health workforce providing clear professional identification
- The attainment of core standards required to demonstrate safe and competent practice
- The ability to show current and prospective employers some assurances of quality of work
- Recognises achievement, success and ongoing development
- Helps to identify and fill ‘gaps’ within knowledge and competencies

**“It allows the world to know that we are ‘up to scratch’, that we are fit for purpose”
(Practitioner)**

“The register helps to value and recognise the highly skilled practitioner workforce”

- Encourages reflective practice and demonstrates commitment
- Promotes the valuing and recognition of a ‘hidden’ workforce who contribute significantly to the public health agenda

Section 3: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the UKPHR?

A. The UK Public Health Register is an independent, dedicated regulator for public health professionals in the United Kingdom, providing professional regulation to public health specialists and public health practitioners from a variety of backgrounds, all of whom have a common core of knowledge and skills. The register is particularly suitable for those public health professionals who have no other regulatory body.

Q. What are the standards?

A. The Public Health Practitioner Standards are based on the National Occupational Standards for Public Health (NOS PH), the NHS Knowledge & Skills Framework (KSF) and the PHSCF. These competency and knowledge statements set a consistent standard to be attained for all those working at the level of autonomous practice. A full copy of the standards is obtainable from your Scheme Coordinator.

Q. My job title does not immediately indicate that I work in public health. Can I still apply?

A. Yes. Practitioners may be working within the public, private and third sectors, in a multitude of roles – many of which may not have ‘public health’ within the job title. The term ‘public health practitioner’ is designed to describe a level of practice – not a specific job role or type of job. As long as you meet the eligibility criteria you are able to apply regardless of your job title.

Q. How long will it take?

A. Each practitioner will vary depending upon their experience, knowledge, learning style, quality of evidence and the opportunities available to them. Practitioners should plan to complete their portfolios as soon as possible and usually within 12 months of being assigned an assessor. Approximately 8-10 days are usually granted within work time to attend learning sets and other support days which may be required e.g. writing days and developmental days. Work will also be required in the practitioners own time.

Q. How do I apply?

Entry onto the scheme is via an application process. The process starts by the attendance of an **UKPHR introductory** where you can find out further information about the scheme, the steps involved and support available to you. For a booking form please contact:

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