

### UK Public Health Register is relocating to Birmingham

By July, UKPHR will be operating out of a new office in Birmingham City Centre. This move will bring to a close a decade-long occupation of a London office in the Chadwick Court headquarters of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH).

Chair of the UKPHR's Board Professor Bryan Stoten explains the move:

“We chose Birmingham because of its central geographic location, intending this to be a demonstration of our intention to be accessible for the public health community throughout the UK. We also chose it because Birmingham itself is a thriving city which is on the up and has a significant regulatory community already.

“We shall continue to have a professional relationship with CIEH at many levels. This professional body makes an effective case on behalf of its members that all the work of Environmental Health Practitioners relates back to and has a bearing on public health.

“We have been considering our response to the challenges we face as an organisation, including the Government's policy in favour of statutory regulation of specialists by the Health and Care Professions Council and the growing demand for practitioner registration, and concluded that we need to:

- Restructure
- Reduce our cost base
- Rigorously pursue further productivity gains.

With these aims in mind, we are planning to reduce our costs in all areas of our activity, relocate our office and upgrade our IT systems.”

UKPHR will be advising service users, stakeholders and the public of new contact details shortly. In the meantime, existing contact details and staffing remain in place and UKPHR can be contacted as usual.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

1. The UK Public Health Register (UKPHR) is the independent regulator for public health professionals in the UK.

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2. The main purpose of the regulation of public health professionals is to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public. Professional regulation is important to protect the public, individually and collectively, from bad, harmful and professionally unacceptable public health practice. UKPHR achieves this by ensuring professionals meet requisite standards of competence, knowledge and experience and adhere to agreed standards of ethical practice.

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