

Call for Assessors and Verifiers

Public health practitioners are key members of the public health workforce and can have a great influence on the health and wellbeing of individuals, groups, communities and populations. They work across the full breadth of public health, from health improvement and health protection to health information, community development and nutrition, in a wide range of settings from the NHS and local government to the voluntary, and private sectors.

There are 13 practitioner schemes in the UK and practitioners develop portfolios over a period of 12-18 months in a supported learning environment to meet the 34 UKPHR Practitioner Standards.

Demand for registration has increased over the pandemic with more employers and individuals recognising the benefit of UKPHR registration – however the regional schemes rely on voluntary assessors and verifiers to review these portfolios which has limited capacity in many areas.

Embedding registration in a workforce requires support from all levels- and the assessor and verifier roles are an essential part of this. The Employer toolkit [UKPHR-toolkit V8-FINAL.pdf](#) shows how this can be achieved.

In the meantime, we are calling for all FPH registrants to consider supporting the development of the workforce by undertaking the roles below in their local schemes.

Both roles contribute to your own CPD and reviewing portfolios across the breadth of public health practice, applying the standards in all domains is an interesting insight into the varied workstreams of the practitioner workforce.

To apply for the roles outlined overleaf, please contact your local registration scheme; contact details can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the page here: [UK Public Health Register – How to apply for practitioner registration \(ukphr.org\)](#)

Assessors

Role

- To assess applications by practitioners, and make recommendations to the verification panel (via an online e-portfolio system)
- To provide feedback to applicants on their portfolio of evidence

Requirements

- To be skilled in assessing evidence submitted to demonstrate competence – successful completion of training is mandatory (2 half day online workshop with a learning task between the sessions)
- To be thoroughly conversant with the public health standards
- To be able to maintain impartiality in the role whilst providing support to applicants
- To be willing and able to devote the necessary time and to give the role appropriate priority
- To be able to provide appropriate references
- To be able to provide evidence of current continuing professional development

Verifiers

Role

- To verify applications that have been previously assessed
- To be available to discuss assessments at a meeting of the verification panel
- To provide feedback and advice to assessors

Requirements

- To be a registered public health specialist with the GMC, the GDC or UKPHR and to be in good standing.
- To be skilled in providing independent scrutiny of the portfolio of evidence submitted to demonstrate competence – attendance at training is mandatory (one half day online workshop)
- To be thoroughly conversant with the public health standards
- To be able to maintain impartiality in the role
- To be willing and able to devote the necessary time and to give the role appropriate priority
- To be able to provide appropriate references
- To be able to provide evidence of current continuing professional development