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Public Health Register

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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 12 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 with more employers and individuals recognising the benefit of UKPHR registration – however the regional schemes rely on assessors and verifiers to review practitioner portfolios.

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.

We are currently recruiting for public health professionals to consider supporting the development of the workforce by undertaking the roles below in their local schemes.

Benefits

- Contributes towards your own CPD - UKPHR certificated training and appraisal 'trained to assess'
- Develops a sound grasp of retrospective portfolio building which can help with your own future portfolio development
- Broadens learning and understanding of public health agendas, policies, roles, services, and interventions in other areas through the assessment and verification process and gives interesting insight into the varied workstreams of the practitioner workforce.
- Actively contributing to the development of public health careers of other professionals

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, of good standing and to be in or have held a consultant or senior specialist post or a post of equivalent responsibility
- Existing verifiers can continue to work as verifiers even after their registration ends (e.g., if they retire) provided:
 - there are no fitness to practice issues and
 - CPD in relation to verification is maintained (i.e., attend at least one verification panel a year and a UKPHR verifier development session every two years)
- To be skilled in providing independent scrutiny of the portfolio of evidence submitted to demonstrate competence – attendance at training is mandatory
- 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

To apply for the roles outlined above, please send an email to register@ukphr.org. Please state which one of following Local Schemes corresponds to your area of employment.

UKPHR Local Schemes

Scotland

Wales

North East

North West

Yorkshire & Humber

Midlands

East of England

South West

Wessex

Thames Valley

Kent, Surrey & Sussex

London