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Seeking a UKPHR-registered Specialist or Practitioner to join the UKPHR Board of Directors

About us

UK Public Health Register (UKPHR) is an independent, dedicated regulator for public health professionals in the United Kingdom. We regulate public health specialists, public health specialty registrars and public health practitioners from a variety of backgrounds, all of whom have a common core of knowledge and skills. Our [2024-29 organisational strategy](#) outlines our priorities. We are a registered charitable company and an Accredited Register with the Professional Standards Authority.

Our Board

Our Board ensures we meet our key aim of protection of the public by setting our strategic direction and monitoring the implementation of strategy. Our Board Directors support us to ensure we adhere to the principles of good governance and financial management, as well as help us establish and maintain good working relationships with government, professional bodies and employers for public health professionals.

The role

The Board of 12 members meet 5-6 times/year, online and in person. Most Board members also sit on either the Audit, Risk, & Remuneration or Education & Standards committees. The average time commitment is about 0.5 days per month, and it is a voluntary role (with reasonable expenses covered).

We aim for a diverse Board that includes lay members as well as public health professionals, who represent various skill sets and interests, and who represent the four nations of the United Kingdom. We want to ensure that all categories of registrants are represented on our Board, and that includes Specialty Registrars- who will be our Specialist Registrants of the future.

Board members tell us they get a lot out of the role, which allows them to connect with and develop relationships with others in the profession and experienced lay members who have aligning interests.

Key areas of responsibility of the Board and its directors

- Ensure UKPHR meets and maintains its aim of protecting the public by promoting high professional standards of all registered professionals

- Support UKPHR's objectives and promote its role as a regulatory body for public health
- Agree UKPHR's purpose and values
- Determine UKPHR's strategy, broad policies, goals, and objectives, and monitor effectiveness of activity
- Ensure that UKPHR adheres to the principles of good governance
- Ensure appropriate financial management, including regular review of accounts
- Work effectively with UKPHR staff
- Establish and maintain good working relationships with other public health organisations and employers.

Key individual responsibilities:

- Ensure prudent use of all assets, including facilities, people, and good will and provide oversight for all activities that advance UKPHR's effectiveness and sustainability
- Make decisions in the best interest of UKPHR
- Ensure that UKPHR complies with applicable laws and acts in accordance with ethical practices and principles of equality, diversity and inclusion
- Ensure that UKPHR adheres to its stated corporate purposes and that its activities advance its mission
- Exercise duties diligently, keeping informed about UKPHR's affairs
- Maintain a duty of confidentiality to UKPHR.

Person specification

- Registration as a Public Health Specialist or Practitioner
- Record of achievement and influence within the public health sector
- A good understanding of professional regulation and an appreciation of the principles of good regulation
- Experience demonstrating the ability to think strategically and look outwardly
- An appreciation of good governance arrangements and willingness to uphold them
- Sound judgement, impartiality and common sense
- Excellent communication skills and ability to debate cogently using structured arguments, while respecting others' views
- Ability to assimilate complex information, weigh evidence and draw conclusions
- Commitment to the Nolan Principles of Public Life

Application and timetable

If you are eligible and interested, send a CV and cover letter (2 pages max) setting out your motivations for applying and how you meet the person specification to register@ukphr.org by 27 November 2026.

Interviews will be scheduled for January 2027. The appointment begins on 1 April 2027.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the role, please contact Jessica Lichtenstein at register@ukphr.org