

## What is the process?

Practitioners develop a portfolio to demonstrate their competence against twelve standards of public health practice.

This is followed by a rigorous assessment of the portfolio and verification of the process by trained public health professionals.

Competence is judged across 12 defined standards covering:

- **Professional and ethical practice (standards 1-4)**
- **Technical competences in public health (standards 5-8)**
- **Application of technical competences in practice (standard 9)**
- **Underpinning skills and knowledge (standards 10-12)**

See our website for more details:  
<http://www.ukphr.org/i-want-to-apply-for-registration/practitioner/>

## What do leaders say about registration?

*What is the value of the public health practitioner professional workforce?*

*“It will be the engine for modern public health practice if it includes the right skills”*

**Adrian Phillips** *Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council*

*“I firmly believe in the benefits that would be achieved by establishing a professionally defined PH practitioner workforce within Scotland; namely a workforce with demonstrated skills and competencies and the registration offered by UKPHR is very important in achieving this”*

**Elaine Young** *Assistant Director of Public Health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran*



## Public Health practitioners in the UK



### Who are they?

Across the UK, thousands of practitioners work to protect and improve the health and well-being of communities and individuals and reduce inequities. They are responsible for some of the most important health and social gains in the UK. Their roles are multidisciplinary and they are responsible for individual and population level interventions including sensitive and deeply personal issues.

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## What is public health practitioner registration?

UKPHR registers practitioners who have demonstrated their competence in public health practice. In this way, the public, employers and commissioners of public health services know that practitioners who are registered are safe and effective in what they do. Registration provides assurance, public protection and recognition of achievement.

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*“The public health practitioner professional workforce represents a huge, mobile resource, working in a diverse range of roles to support better outcomes for the public’s health – they are a valuable group of staff whose level of competency can be assured by the practitioner standards”*

**Kristy Parnell** *Workforce Development Manager, Public Health England – West Midlands*

## What are the benefits?

**For practitioners** -secure objective recognition of their achievements and help maintaining and enhancing competence and future career.

**For employers and commissioners** of public health services - a process which meets their due diligence requirements and signals that the practitioner is competent and fully understands the essentials of the public health role. We want more employers and commissioners to specify that registration is a required quality standard.

**For the public** - knowledge that competence, integrity and accountability in public health practice is assured, it can be checked on a public register – and there is someone to complain to if things go wrong.

*“For me the value of a professional public health practitioner workforce allows for the explicit demonstration of a workforce that is competent to formally practice public health in delivering positive outcomes for populations”*

**Em Rahman** *Head of Public Health Workforce Development Programmes, Health Education England - Wessex*

## What do registrants say about registration?

*“Practitioner registration gave me an opportunity to reflect and learn from work I’d done in the past and to demonstrate commitment to my future public health career.”*

**Chris Emmerson** *Public Health Practitioner, Public Health Wales*

## What is UKPHR’s role?

Registration offers assurance that practitioners are safe and effective in what they do. In 2010, UKPHR approved a route to register for practitioners, which enables them to demonstrate their competence and quality of service. This in turn enables UKPHR to assure the competence of registered practitioners.



**UKPHR registered practitioners and UKPHR vice-chair** R – L: Tom White, Angela Ellins, Claire Cotter (VC), Gemma Cox & Valerie Cross