



# Snapshot: UK Public Health Register Re-accreditation decision



## ACTIVITIES & ACTIONS SHOWING HOW UKPHR IS MEETING THE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITED REGISTERS

### ► Commitment to protecting the public/promoting confidence

UKPHR estimates that with the GMC and the GDC, all UK based Public Health Specialists are registered. UKPHR estimates that only about 5% of the practitioner workforce is registered, despite practitioner registration schemes being available throughout the UK. UKPHR is taking action to promote the register and increase the levels of registration within this group.

### ► Managing risk

UKPHR actively considered the Covid-19 national emergency, it has posted a statement on its website. It will be flexible with timescales for revalidations and professional appraisals and has worked with Public Health England to ensure a joint approach to this flexibility. UKPHR has created a temporary register for returning professionals.

### ► Governance

UKPHR will be updating its terms of reference for its Board Directors so that it has a third of Directors retiring annually and will be developing written procedures to introduce a maximum term of office for its Directors. UKPHR's Audit and Risk Committee regularly reviews the risk register and business plan and has been overseeing its Covid-19 response.



26  
accredited  
registers

55  
occupations

89k  
practitioners

## KEY STATS

### What is public health?

UKPHR defines it as: 'The science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organised efforts of society'

### The UKPHR registers:

○ health practitioners and public health specialists working in the UK

○ 1,074 registrants on UKPHR register (as at January 2020)

○ Met 11/11 Standards

○ First accredited on 3 April 2013. This is its sixth annual review and covers 3 April 2019 to 3 April 2020.

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### ► Handling complaints and concerns

UKPHR received one complaint which was assessed by the Registrar and not taken forward. UKPHR developed its vexatious complaints policy.

UKPHR has developed a new website which provides information to the public, employers and registrants. UKPHR publishes its register, its complaints procedures, and its standards for registrants.

UKPHR has lay Board Directors who can provide the public perspective to decisions that are made. UKPHR also holds regular Consultative Forums to which a wide range of stakeholders are invited to provide their views.

UKPHR is working on the development of a new route to the register for those who successfully complete their apprenticeship so ensuring that more of the public health workforce will be registered.

UKPHR has developed revalidation procedures for its registrants. Registrants will be required to do this every five years. This has been put into place for Public health Specialists and UKPHR is working on the process for Public health Practitioners who currently have to re-register every five years. These processes help ensure that UKPHR's registrants are maintaining the required standards for registration.

You can find more details of how UKPHR has been meeting the Standards for Accredited Registers in its [Annual Review of Accreditation 2019/20](#) on our website.



### Find out more about:

- ➔ UKPHR and its register
- ➔ the Accredited Registers programme
- ➔ the Standards for Accredited Registers

REMEMBER TO USE OUR **CHECK-A-PRACTITIONER** TOOL TO CHECK AND CHOOSE PRACTITIONERS ON ACCREDITED REGISTERS

## 2020 re-accreditation

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Conditions

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Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 The UKPHR should consider adding working with children and vulnerable groups as a separate risk to its risk register. (Standard 3)
- 2 The UKPHR to consider developing guidance for its registrants and for its staff/Board about handling safeguarding issues. (Standard 3)
- 3 UKPHR should consider adding a statement to its website to ensure that it is clear that people can request Board meeting minutes from UKPHR. (Standard 5)
- 4 UKPHR should consider improving the provision of information about the knowledge base or its development to the public. (Standard 6)
- 5 UKPHR should consider developing guidance for its registrants about whistleblowing and the professional Duty of Candour. (Standard 8)