



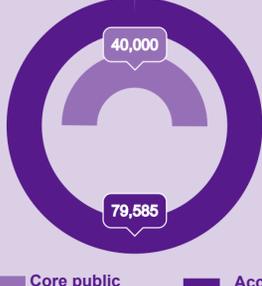
UNTAPPED RESOURCES

ACCREDITED REGISTERS IN THE WIDER WORKFORCE

A new report looks at how nearly 80,000 health professionals on accredited registers can make a significant contribution to promoting and protecting the public's health....

....and what's stopping them

Improving the public's health is going to be critical in reducing the burden on the UK's healthcare and welfare system

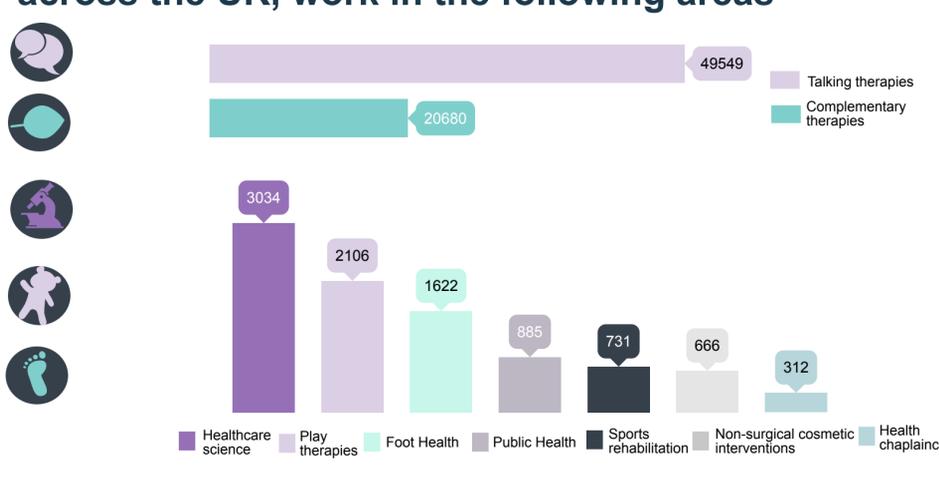


Practitioners on accredited registers span a diverse range of occupations. They are not regulated by law, but registered to organisations that are independently assessed by the Professional Standards Authority. Practitioners on accredited registers are committed to meeting high standards.

Challenges to our public health include:



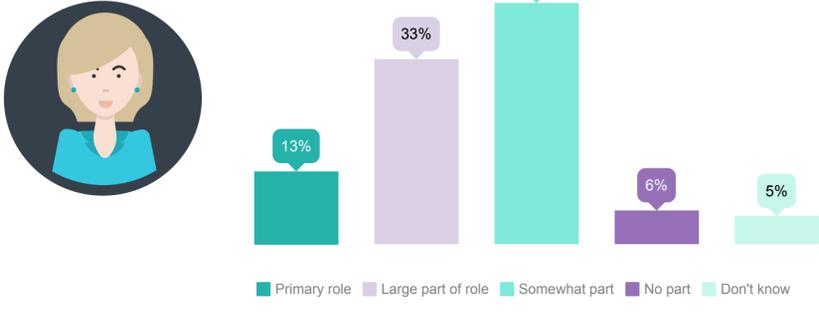
Practitioners on accredited registers across the UK, work in the following areas



What the research found: AR practitioners

- See patients/clients for longer sessions
- Ideally placed to signpost to other services
- Confident to conduct 'healthy conversations' with their patients/clients
- Able to play a greater role in promoting the public's health
- Develop long-term relationships with patients/clients

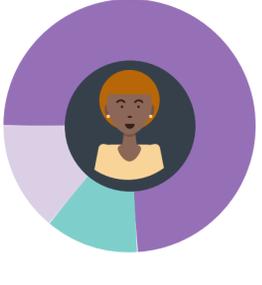
To what extent, do you consider 'promoting the public's health' to be part of your role?



Accredited register practitioners can assume a greater role in promoting the public's health

Is your profession currently under-utilised in promoting the public's health?

Would you be interested in taking on a greater role in promoting the public's health?



Longer appointments mean AR practitioners can talk to patients/clients about health issues

94% of AR practitioners have average appointment lengths of over 40 minutes compared to 10-15 minutes for GP appointments



BARRIERS

What stops members of the public using accredited registers?

Local GPs in my area who would like to refer Musculoskeletal patients to me due to my experience and knowledge state they cannot, as they are guided to send patients to the overcrowded and stretched NHS Physiotherapy Departments.



ACCESS

Several factors limiting extent to which members of the public are able/likely to interact with AR practitioners, including lack of awareness and financial obstacles

SIGN-POSTING

AR practitioners often find it difficult to stay up-to-date with the full range of services to which they can signpost their patients

CONTEXT

AR practitioners may feel anxious about initiating 'healthy conversations' with their patients/clients - worried that they might make them feel uncomfortable

How the survey was conducted



A snapshot

We wanted to get a snapshot of the current perspectives within and towards the accredited register workforce

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