

Public Health Practitioner Registration Schemes

South East

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Welcome from the South East School of Public Health

The South East School of Public Health supports the **development of the public health workforce** to improve prevention, reduce health inequalities and improve population health outcomes.

It delivers an integrated approach to training, education and workforce development across the South East, bringing together public health specialty training and practitioner pathways within a single, coordinated model.

Kent, Surrey and Sussex

Thames Valley

Wessex

The team



Wessex



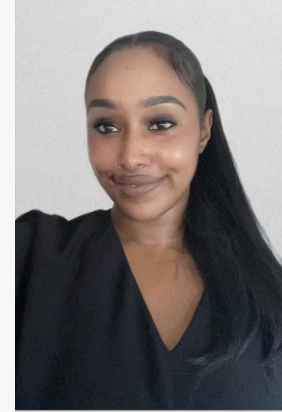
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Purpose of today

- Overview of UKPHR practitioner registration
- Eligibility and how to apply to a scheme
- How the scheme works
- Introduction to our scheme facilitators
- Key dates
- How to make your application

Where do you work?

- South East
- Kent, Surrey & Sussex
- Thames Valley
- Wessex



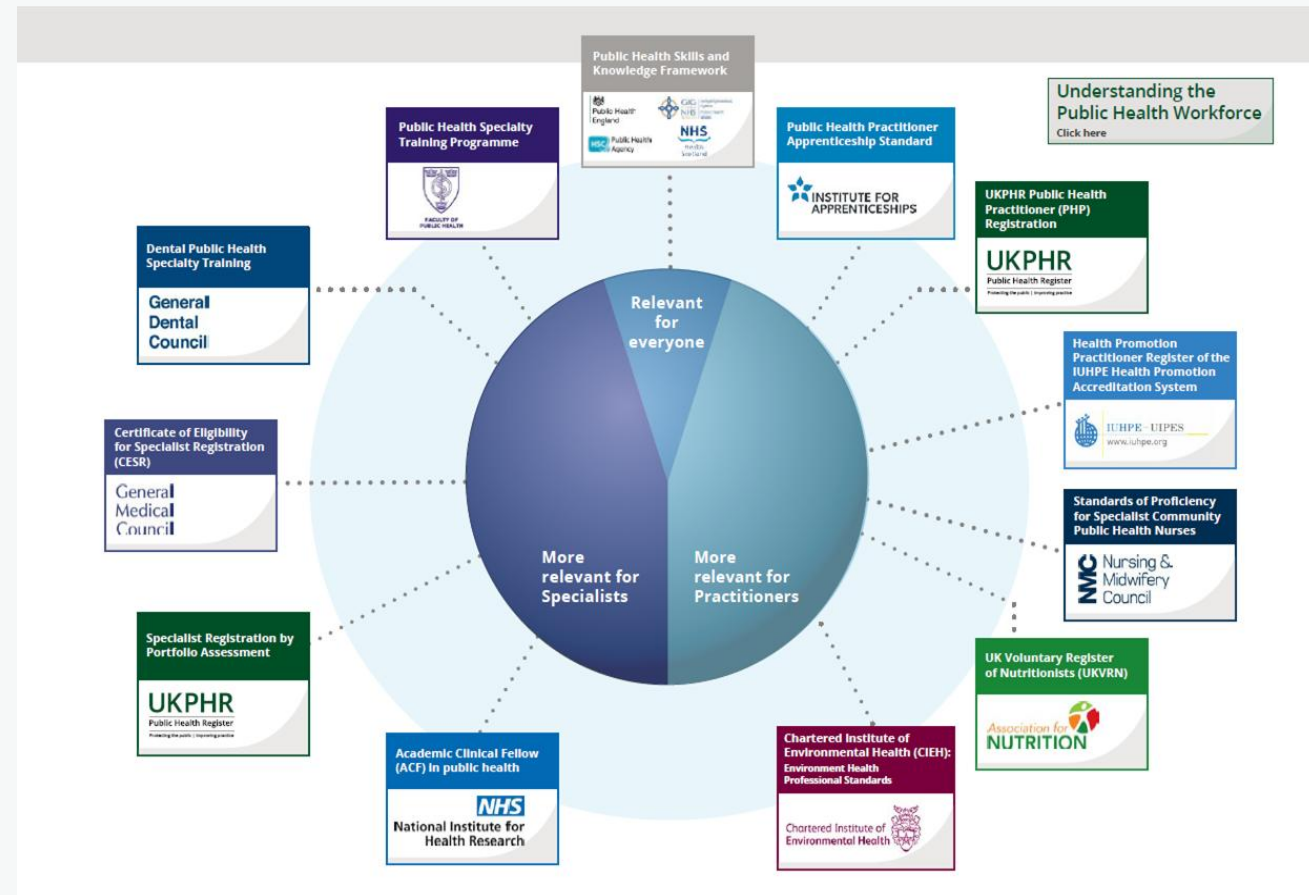
Regulatory bodies are established to protect the public

By being registered you:

- Are competent to practice
- Deliver safely and effectively
- Perform at a high standard

Benefits to the practitioner:

- Quality assurance of your work
- Career progression
- Enhance reflective practice



What is the public health practitioner development scheme?

- The Public Health Practitioner Scheme is a quality assured local assessment programme to enable practitioners to join the UK Public Health Register and gain professional registration.
- It is not a training programme.
- It guides and supports practitioners who meet the entry criteria in filling gaps in their knowledge and experience so that they can submit a portfolio of evidence to achieve registration with the UKPHR.




Eligibility



Criteria for entering the practitioner scheme:

- Employed within the south east region
- Minimum 2 years' public health experience, level 5 (autonomous practice)
- Demonstrate a breadth of public health practice to complete a retrospective portfolio with minimal gaps in **knowledge** and **application**
- Commitment to completing a retrospective portfolio by 13 September 2027
- Commitment to attend all mandatory elements of the programme
- Commitment from your line manager and organisation to support and provide protected days to attend the scheme



How to become a registered practitioner - what does the year look like?

The scheme will support you to submit a retrospective portfolio through:

- Induction day and portfolio development group days (PDGs)
- Experienced facilitator support (e.g. review draft work, facilitate PDGs)
- Enhance knowledge through public health masterclasses
- Mentor support
- Interim review
- Assessment of work and verification of portfolio
- Timeline: Start October 2026 and complete 13 September 2027



What is a portfolio?

- Consists of 3 discrete pieces of work (commentaries)
- Demonstrates **knowledge**, **understanding** and **application** of each of the UKPHR 34 standards
- Where at least 50% of the evidence and work described must be no more than 5 years old at the time of registration
- Demonstrates every standard **once only**
- Focusses on your **own** role and your learning through reflective practice.

UKPHR Standards



34 Standards in total, covering 8 areas:

1. Practising professionally, ethically and legally
2. Using public health information to influence population health and wellbeing
3. Assessing the evidence for public health interventions and services
4. Protecting the public from health risks while addressing differences in risk exposure and outcomes
5. Implementing public health policy and strategy
6. Collaborating across organisations and boundaries to deliver the public health function
7. Planning, implementing and evaluating public health programmes and projects
8. Communicating with others to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequalities



Example standard

2.4 Demonstrate how health inequalities are identified and monitored.

The knowledge underpinning this standard may be broader than your application. Identification and subsequent monitoring of health inequalities in your area of work should be demonstrated in your evidence of application.

If you were writing up this standard, how would you demonstrate:

1. Knowledge
2. Understanding
3. Application



Oxford Brookes University Practitioner Portfolio Development Team

Thames Valley and Wessex Schemes

Oxford Brookes University

Dr Mamdooh Alzyood

Senior Lecturer & Researcher in Public Health | CPD Lead

- Programme Lead for the NHS England UKPHR Practitioner Schemes at Oxford Brookes University
- Expertise in public health, infection prevention and control, health protection, and research methods
- Experienced in supervision, portfolio-based learning, professional development, and quality assurance
- Editor, Journal of Hospital Infection
- Will lead programme coordination, practitioner progression, portfolio support, and liaison with NHS England and UKPHR



Oxford Brookes University

Dr Sarah Howcutt

Academic Director, GBS Partnership | Associate Professor in Public Health

- Expertise in public health, health promotion, research methods, and global public health leadership
- Supports academic quality, student experience, and professional development across partnership provision
- Research interests include health inequalities, research recruitment, digital technologies in research, and cancer screening
- Experienced in programme development, quality assurance, and supporting international and professional learners
- Will contribute expertise in academic quality, research methods, health promotion, and portfolio development support



Dr Sally Bassett

Senior Lecturer in Health Care Management

- Expertise in health care management, leadership, and workforce development
- Experienced in public health and professional development within health and care settings
- Research interests include public health and workforce development
- Brings valuable insight into leadership and management standards relevant to practitioner portfolios
- Will support portfolio development through leadership, management, and workforce-focused expertise



Dr Laura O'Callaghan

Senior Lecturer School of Psychology, Social Work and Public Health

- Teaches on the Master of Global Public Health Leadership Distance Learning Programme
- Liaison Manager for the GBS Partnership, BSc Health, Wellbeing and Social Care programme
- Module Lead for Project Management Skills and supervisor for dissertation students
- Research expertise in physical activity, movement quality, cognitive function, and child health
- Will contribute expertise in project management, professional development, supervision, and public health learning





Brighton and Sussex Medical School Practitioner Portfolio Development Team

Kent, Surrey and Sussex Scheme



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Course Lead
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Course Lead
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Together



Over 15 years of supporting **public health teaching** and professional development



Strong **regional networks** across public health practice, NHS and community sectors



Supported by a **wider network** of public health academics, honorary lecturers and specialist practitioners



A supportive, **practice-focused** approach grounded in real-world public health systems and challenges

Dr Tilly Paz

Course Lead, MSc Public Health



Public health educator with a strong background in CPD delivery across the **South East** public health workforce



Ongoing projects with local authority public health teams, NHS partners, practitioners and trainees across **KSS**



Focused on translating public health evidence into **practical, applied learning**

Dr Sarah Kehoe

Course Lead, MSc Global Health



Public health educator with expertise in **co-production**, workforce engagement and collaborative public health practice



Specialist interests in **sustainability, behaviour change** and wider determinants of health



Skilled in facilitating practitioner learning and **cross-sector collaboration**

Preparing your Application

Ensure you have:

- Line manager support who has reviewed the completed Self-Assessment Form and is assured that you will be able to complete the portfolio and demonstrate the practitioner standards sufficiently.
- Employer support including permission to attend the core scheme dates.
- Fully read and understood the guidance, eligibility, and expectations described in the application pack and guidance document.
- Completed the Self-Assessment Form to identify whether you have sufficient knowledge and practice to complete the public health practitioner portfolio.

Self-Assessment Process

A core prerequisite mapping your current public health practice against professional UKPHR registration standards.

- **Initial Requirement:** Complete self-assessment before applying and review findings in detail with your line manager.
- **Application Phase:** Form submission is not needed at the initial application portal stage.
- **Interview & Portfolio Stage:** Mandatory at the interview stage if shortlisted; acts as an ongoing development tracker.

Area 1: Practising professionally, ethically and legally		RAG Rating			Commentary	Example of evidence of Knowledge e.g. course/module	Example of evidence of application e.g. a piece of work with corroborative evidence
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Claiming 1/2/3		
1.1	Comply with statutory legislation and practice requirements in your area of work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commentary 1	I have no CPD in this area	Commentary 1, child healthy weight project. Evidence - Spec I wrote which cites UK government action plan
1.2	Use an ethical approach in your area of work, identifying ethical dilemmas or issues arising and how you address them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	I have no training or CPD in this area.	I am unsure what evidence to use
1.4	Act in ways that promote equality and diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commentary 1	Employer mandatory equality and diversity training	Commentary 1, child healthy weight project. Evidence - survey of I wrote to parents translated into different languages

Application Process

Essential Submission Steps

To apply, you must complete and submit the following:

- 1. Online application form:** must be completed in full via the designated MS Forms portal.
- 2. Online line manager authorisation**
- 3. Online Director or Deputy Director of Public Health approval** (only for those in a public health local authority team)
- 4. Equality, diversity & inclusion:** complete the anonymous online EDI form to support programme representation metrics.
- 5. Curriculum Vitae (CV) submission:** email your current CV directly to the regional public health school mailbox.



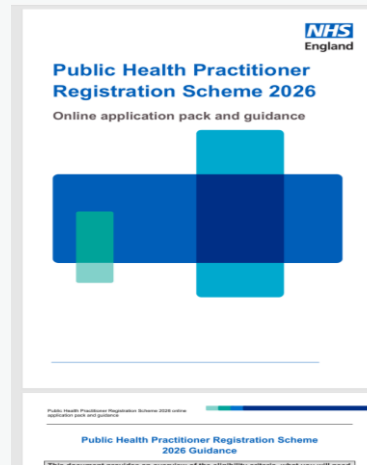
Submission Deadline & Support

11 June

**STRICT
DEADLINE
12:00 PM (noon)**

Important Next Steps & Contact

- Ensure **all** applications steps are complete prior to the noon deadline on 11 June 2026.
- Late submissions will automatically be rejected.
- Ensure you have thoroughly read the 2026 application pack (PDF available from the website).



Email CV & Queries:
england.publichealthschools.se@nhs.net



Interview dates – must be able to attend

Interviews will be virtual and candidates will be invited by 29 June

- **Thames Valley: 14 July 2026**
- **Wessex: 15 July 2026**
- **Kent, Surrey & Sussex: 16 July 2026**

Key Dates

	Kent, Surrey and Sussex	Thames Valley	Wessex
Induction Day (in-person)	06 October 2026 10:00 - 15:00	01 October 2026 10:00 - 15:00	08 October 2026 10:00 - 15:00
Portfolio Development Group 1 (online)	17 November 2026 09:30 - 15.30	12 November 2026 09:30 - 15.30	18 & 19 November 2026 09:30 - 15:30
Portfolio Development Group 2 (online)	12 January 2027 09:30 - 15:30	13 January 2027 09:30 - 15.30	20 & 21 January 2027 09:30 - 15:30
Portfolio Development Group 3 (online)	23rd March 2027 09:30 - 15:30	23 March 2027 09:30 - 15.30	24 & 25 March 2027 09:30 - 15:30
Portfolio Development Group 4 (in-person)	22 June 2027 09:30 - 15:00	24 June 2027 09:30 - 15:00	30 June 2027 10:00 - 17:00
Public Health Masterclasses (online – all schemes)	Masterclass 1: 15 October 2026; 09:30-12:30 Masterclass 2: 21 October 2026; 09:30-12:30 Masterclass 3: 10 November 2026; 09:30-12:30 Masterclass 4: 26 November 2026; 09:30-12:30 Masterclass 5: 01 December 2026; 09:30-12:30		



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