



Public Health Skills Passport and the review of the UK Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework - UPDATE

Public Health Skills Passport (England)

The 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People: public health workforce strategy' (DH/LGA/PHE 2013) identified the need to refine the Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework (PHSKF), and to develop a new Skills Passport to support the public health workforce in career development and planning. PHE is leading on both of these activities on behalf of the public health system.

The skills passport is going through a 'proof of concept' trial between February 9 and March 20, 2015. Public health workers from a range of public health disciplines have volunteered to support this process. Participants include epidemiologists; public health scientists; information analysts; health improvement specialists; health protection workers; quality assurance specialists; public health project and programme managers; and health trainers.

Participants also represent a range of employing organisations, and some are participating as teams eg: a cluster of local authority teams in the north east; a PHE centre team; an NHS provider team in the south east.

The 'proof of concept' process will be evaluated by an external agency, to provide independent scrutiny on the process and outcomes, and to reflect on the implications for the public health skills and knowledge framework. The evaluation findings will be reported in May 2015.

Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework Review (UK)

The PHSKF review is in its second phase, and a series of workshops are being delivered across the UK during February and March. These events will be used to involve the whole public health workforce, and explore how they currently engage with the PHSKF, and how they think the framework could be revised so that it is 'fit for purpose'.

The dates of the engagement events are shown below. The contact leads can provide more detailed and up-to-date information, and help you to book a place:

Country / region	Date	Where?	Contact lead
East of England	23 rd February	Cambridge	sally.donaghey@phe.gov.uk
Northern Ireland	2 nd March	Tbc	elaine.o'doherty@hscni.net
North England	11 th March	Leeds/York (tbc)	adele.ward@phe.gov.uk
South East England	17 th March	London	ebony.charles@phe.gov.uk
Scotland	18 th March	Glasgow (+videolink)	lynn.railston@nhs.net
London	23 rd March	London	ebony.charles@phe.gov.uk
Wales	24 th March	Cardiff (+videolink)	kelly.mcfadyen@wales.nhs.uk

These events will also showcase local competency mapping and skills audit activity, and introduce the next phase of the PHSKF review. Phase 3 will focus on the defined areas of public health, and how the skills and knowledge of these areas can be accurately captured for all levels of the workforce, in the framework. Phase 3 will run between April and June 2015.

Lead public health organisations are represented on the PHSKF Review Steering Group, and information on the skills passport and the PHSKF review can be found on the websites of the following organisations – Faculty of Public Health; Royal Society of Public Health; Chartered Institute of Environmental Health; UK Public Health Register; PHORCaST; Royal College of Nursing.

There is an on-line survey to support the development of the skills passport and the review of the PHSKF. This survey is open to all public health workers in the system. The on-line survey will close on **25 March 2015**.

<https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=810H9o41>.

If you would like to know more about either pieces of work, or to request that you are added to a mailing list for subsequent bulletins please send your query, with full details of your role, base and contact details to: sp-phskf@phe.gov.uk

The PHSKF can be found on the PHORCaST website:

http://www.phorcast.org.uk/page.php?page_id=44

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