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Factsheet Six:

UKPHR registration

Curriculum

A mapping exercise was carried out to ensure that the **curriculum** of UK Faculty of Public Health (the Faculty) and the standards for entry to UKPHR remain in harmony. The primary reason for this was to ensure that the public continue to be adequately protected. The Faculty is currently reviewing the curriculum to ensure it continues to meet changing public health workforce needs.

Dual registration

Dual registration is possible in many circumstances. There are doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists on UKPHR's voluntary register who are also on other registers. UKPHR has Memoranda of Understanding in place with the General Medical Council and the General Dental Council to govern their common regulatory interests. UKPHR would welcome formalising the governance of dual registration more widely, allowing all dual registrants to demonstrate their *competence* in public health professional practice more particularly.

Specialty Registrar registration

UKPHR has opened registration to **Specialty Registrars (specialty trainees)** once they have satisfactorily completed their academic study. The rationale for this is that it establishes equivalence with Registrars from a medical background who would at the same stage be regulated by the General Medical Council. It brings this group into regulation earlier and provides a pathway to full registration once they gain the appropriate public health experience.

Accredited voluntary register

UKPHR's voluntary register of public health professionals has been accredited by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care under the **Accredited Registers (AR)** Programme.

The AR Programme is managed by the Professional Standards Authority, an independent statutory body accountable to Parliament. The vetting and approval process is very rigorous and accreditation has to be renewed annually.

The requirement for annual renewal of accreditation means that the Professional Standards Authority regularly checks that UKPHR continues to meet the AR standards.

Continuing competence

UKPHR has published its **Code of Conduct** ¹, to which all registrants must subscribe and against which their conduct will be judged if an issue arises touching on fitness to practise.

All registrants are required to meet requirements for **Continuing Professional Development** (CPD). The CPD policy applicable to all practitioner registrants was introduced in July 2014 ²

UKPHR is committed to introducing 5-yearly revalidation for all registrants and in the meantime operates 5-yearly re-registration.

Statutory regulation of public health specialists

The Department of Health intends to require public health specialists, who are not already statutorily regulated (for example, doctors are regulated by the General Medical Council), to become subject to statutory regulation by the Health and Care Professions Council.

If implemented, the Department's policy will further fragment the public health workforce. It runs counter to UKPHR's vision of a single, knowledgeable regulator for the entire public health workforce.

UKPHR contends that it should be made the statutory regulator instead.

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¹ <http://www.publichealthregister.org.uk/node/206>

² The CPD policy has an implementation date of 01 July 2014