

July 2015

## **UK Public Health Register (UKPHR)**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE: Routes to register task & finish group**

#### **The purpose of this task & finish group is:**

To examine options, plan and make recommendations to the Education & Training Committee, and through it to UKPHR's Board, for aligning all specialist routes to the register. This will entail a review of both the RSS and the portfolio framework. The task & finish group is not reviewing routes to register in relation to practitioner registration but may offer comment if it feels that there would be any consequent effects on practitioner registration of implementing its recommendations in relation to specialist registration.

#### **Tasks**

- To examine the current specialist routes to register, receive and consider comments and critiques from group members and stakeholders about their fitness for purpose and to investigate options for change going forward
- To consult widely on its work and involve public health stakeholders in its work as openly and transparently as possible
- To make recommendations to UKPHR on the structure and process, including budget, fees and charges, for implementing any plans it may recommend for changing existing routes to register including the development of any new or different routes
- To consider the implications for UKPHR's existing registrants and current applicants for registration including the timing and phasing of any change programme the group may recommend
- To consider the implications for UKPHR's involvement in the Public Health Wales pilot of advanced practice (public health) and the West Midlands practitioner registration scheme Part A Tutorial programme and to make recommendations, where appropriate, in relation to co-benefits, conflict of interest, commercial conflict and benefits
- To take, keep and deliver to UKPHR at the finish all minutes of meetings held by the task group, other records made and evidence received and keep copies safe for inspection.

### **Time for task and finish**

It is envisaged that the group will meet for the first time in September 2015. A draft, tentative timetable for subsequent stages of the group's work is attached for the group's guidance but without limiting the group if it feels that different timescales are required. If the group wishes or foresees that the timetable may last beyond Summer 2016 it will notify the Education & Training Committee of this fact as soon as possible.

### **Reporting**

The task group is set up under the aegis of the Education & Training Committee and will report to that Committee. The Committee will in turn report the group's recommendations to UKPHR's Board.

### **Costs and resources**

UKPHR will meet the reasonable costs of the task and finish group including payment for meeting rooms and teleconferencing facilities, reimbursement of members' travel and subsistence and other incidental costs.

UKPHR will provide secretariat support for the group and meeting rooms at UKPHR's Birmingham office if requested by the group.

UKPHR is willing to pay for additional external consultancy support for the group's work but any proposal for such support must be costed and approved by UKPHR's Board before it is procured.

### **Membership**

The following shall be members of the task group:

Selena Gray (Chair)

Claire Cotter

Ros Dunkley/Cerilan Rogers (Moderator)

Sue Lloyd

Brendan Mason (Faculty of Public Health)

Viv Speller

David Kidney (secretariat)

The Group may agree to extend membership to other persons or organisations on request or at its own initiative.

### **Quorum**

As the task group has no specific powers nor delegated authority, all decisions will normally be reached by consensus and a quorum does not apply except that a decision taken at a meeting shall not be valid unless at least three members of the group are present

## **Decision Making**

Voting at meetings of the task group on matters relating to management, for example, election of Selena Gray as Chair, shall be taken by show of hands. In the event that progress on any issue of substance is deadlocked by disagreement, an indicative vote may be taken. In such circumstances the outcome of the vote will be persuasive, not binding, and in the event of continuing disagreement the matter in question will be referred to the Education & Training Committee for resolution.

## **Rules for meetings of the task group**

At least seven days before a date arranged for a meeting of the group an agenda shall be sent to all members of the group setting out the date, time and venue of the meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting

At the first meeting of the group members of the Group shall elect a Chair. If at any meeting of the group the Chair is not present, members of the group shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting

The UKPHR secretariat shall take minutes of meetings of the group.

The Secretariat shall circulate copies of the minutes to all members of the group and at each meeting of the group the minutes of the previous meeting shall be produced for approval as a true record of that meeting.

The Secretariat shall keep safe the minutes of all meetings of the group and shall produce them for inspection on the request of any member of the group and any person or organisation acting on behalf of UKPHR.

**Dated:** July 2015