

## New Register for health promotion practitioners

UKPHR is pleased to announce the launch of a new voluntary register for health promotion practitioners. Sitting alongside UKPHR's established register for members of the core public health workforce, the new register is being opened in UKPHR's capacity as the UK's National Accreditation Organisation. The accreditation, which has international recognition, comes from IUHPE (the International Union for Health Promotion and Education).

Applicants for registration must satisfy standards established by a range of partner organisations, including the Royal Society for Public Health in the UK, which are underpinned by a competence framework – *CompHP*. The stages in registration as a health promotion practitioner are initial registration for a period of 3 years and then re-registration based on agreed criteria for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) every three years afterwards.

Registration offers health promotion practitioners increased recognition and visibility of their Health Promotion qualifications, help with future career moves across roles, organisations, regions and countries and a reference point for employers in recruitment and selection.

At today's launch, Executive Director David Kidney said that UKPHR was pleased and proud to be adding another register to its service range and would welcome applications for registration from professionals engaged in health promotion:

*"UKPHR has been proactive in promoting the benefits of registration in all public health practice settings. We are excited to be the provider of a new registration opportunity for health promotion practitioners. We have worked hard with IUHPE to design a register that will be helpful to health promotion practitioners as well as their employers and commissioners of health promotion services. Ultimately, a public register that sets and upholds agreed standards for the competence of workforces is also a public protection measure. Our new register will be open to members of the public and employers to check in just the same way as our established, existing register of public health specialists, public health practitioners and Public Health Specialist Registrars".*

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

1. The UK Public Health Register (UKPHR) is already the independent regulator for the public health workforce in the UK. It operates a register accredited by Professional Standards Authority for professionals who work in public health. It is a Registered Charity.
2. The new register for health promotion practitioners, launched today, can be viewed at [www.ukphr.org](http://www.ukphr.org)

3. UKPHR has been registering public health specialists since 2003. In more recent times UKPHR has commenced registration in respect of public health practitioners and Public Health Specialty Registrars.
4. The main purpose of the regulation of members of the public health workforce is to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public. Regulation is important to protect the public, individually and collectively, from bad, harmful and professionally unacceptable public health practice. UKPHR achieves this by ensuring registrants achieve and maintain requisite standards of competence, knowledge and experience as well as adhere to agreed standards of ethical practice.
5. UKPHR is in law a Company limited by Guarantee and its governance is in the hands of a Board of Directors (a maximum of 12 Directors). UKPHR is registered at Companies House. It is also a registered charity in England & Wales and in Scotland. Its original register is accredited by the Professional Standards Authority under a statutory scheme. The new register is accredited by IUHPE (International Union for Promotion of Health and Education).

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