

## **Annex C** - Brief history of remit and processes of UKPHR

### **2003**

Two routes to register for public health specialists:

#### *Standard route*

FPH produced CCT to UKPHR, successful trainee completed (within 3 months of date of completion of training) application to register, UKPHR registered the applicant.

#### *Generalist specialist*

Applicant produced to UKPHR a portfolio evidencing knowledge (“knows how”) across all ten areas of the Speciality Training Curriculum (at that time the 2001 version) and evidencing application of that knowledge (“shows how”) in all areas.

### **2004**

An addition to the routes to registration for public health specialists:

#### *Dual registration*

Memoranda of Understanding were signed by UKPHR with GMC and GDC to permit (1) Doctors regulated by GMC and entered on the Public Health Specialty Register and (2) Dentists regulated by GDC and entered on the dental public health Specialist List to apply for and be granted registration without requiring them to produce any additional evidence of their professional public health competence to UKPHR.

### **2006**

Amendment to the Generalist Specialist route:

#### *RSS*

Recognition of Specialist Status replaced Generalist Specialist – the difference was that an applicant must have obtained UKPHR’s prior permission to submit a portfolio for assessment.

A new route was added:

#### *Defined specialist*

This retrospective portfolio assessment route was established to allow for regulation of senior public health professionals leading in specific areas of practice at a strategic/expert level. Applicants were required to have been working at a senior level for 3 years or more, have had a leadership role and must have been at Consultant/Specialist level at the time of registration. Standards were set partly by reference to the 2001 curriculum, partly standards developed by the Sector Skills Council (Skills for Health) and partly in anticipation of an amended Specialty Training Curriculum (adopted in 2007).

### **2010**

Eligibility for applying for permission to submit a portfolio in support of an application for *RSS* was adjusted – applicants were required to have been working at consultant level for at least 3 years in order to be eligible.

## **2011**

Practitioner registration – The first opportunities for public health practitioners to register voluntarily with UKPHR were made available in 4 pilot areas around the UK.

The model of operation was different from specialist registration, being highly devolved and based on each of the individual areas where the pilot scheme were operating.

Standards were set by reference to the Public Health Skills & Knowledge Framework (as it is now called), NHS Knowledge & Skills Framework and the National Occupational Standards for Public Health. Applicants produce a portfolio for assessment at the local level. When this has been approved by an assessor and a verification panel locally the applicant has 3 months in which to apply to UKPHR for registration.

## **2014**

UKPHR secured accreditation of its register by Professional Standards Authority under a statutory scheme.

Accreditation brings with it an obligation to meet the Authority's objective standards for accredited registers.

## **2015**

UKPHR established 2 task & finish groups

(1) *Routes to register*

The first comprehensive review of routes to registration for public health specialists since UKPHR's inception in 2003.

(2) *Revalidation*

Tasked with devising a revalidation scheme for all UKPHR's registrants, the work of this group has led directly to this consultation.