

**UKPHR Board statement issued on
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Good Public Health Practice:
Initial response to decision by Faculty of Public Health

UKPHR has today re-affirmed its current position that it expects its registrants to continue to uphold its current Code of Practice as the professional underpinning of the work that they do and the decisions that they make. The Code of Conduct covers 7 key areas of professional behaviour:

- Make the health and protection of the public your prime concern
- Maintain high standards of professional and personal conduct
- Be honest and trustworthy
- Protect confidentiality
- Respect the dignity of individuals and treat everyone fairly
- Know the limits of your competence and act within them
- Cooperate with the teams with which you work and interact

Further details for each area can be found on UKPHR's [website](#).

UKPHR has also endorsed the Faculty of Public Health's *Good Public Health Practice* as providing useful detailed guidance for those working in public health practice. We are surprised by the decision of the Faculty of Public Health to revert to *Good Medical Practice*, rather than continue with *Good Public Health Practice*. We are disappointed that there was no prior consultation with UKPHR, especially since for over 10 years *Good Public Health Practice* has set the standards we have required all registrants to uphold.

We will wish to discuss with the Faculty how it is intended that *Good Medical Practice* will be "interpreted as necessary for the particularities of public health practice". We will also wish to agree with the Faculty how its decision will impact on the scheme for revalidation which our two organisations have been working on for the past several years. UKPHR will also consult with its registrants and stakeholders and then make its decision on whether to support *Good Medical Practice* or follow another route for its registrants. In the meantime, UKPHR confirms that it continues to see *Good Public Health Practice* as useful additional guidance to public health specialists and practitioners.

We confirm that UKPHR's Code of Conduct is unaffected by the Faculty's decision and will continue to apply.

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