



Practitioner registration: UKPHR's perspective

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Just want to cover three points:

1. **Quality assurance/consistency**
2. **Recognised standards**
I'll also say a little about maintaining standards after registration
3. **UK-wide coverage – equity of access**
I'll also say a little about the benefits of registration.



Quality assurance/consistency

UKPHR is an Accredited Register under a statutory scheme run by the **Professional Standards Authority (PSA)**.

UKPHR national registration standards must be applied consistently in all local schemes.

UKPHR's quality assurance is delivered through Moderators – Kate Lees will say more about their work.



The standards for registration

UKPHR and partners agreed standards in 2010 and piloted them in 2011.

Four areas of practice, 12 standards, a number of indicators.

Have worked well but Allison Thorpe's report and PHSKF suggest room for improvement.

Standards review under way and we hope to complete it next summer.



Maintaining standards of practice

For all registrants:

- ▶ **Renew annually** – declaration + fee.
- ▶ **Continuing Professional Development** (differentiated from specialists' CPD).
- ▶ **5-yearly re-registration**– soon to be revalidation.



UK-wide cover - equitable access

There are 12 devolved schemes covering about three-quarters of the UK (population).

UKPHR argues it is inequitable that some practitioners cannot access registration because of where they work/live.

HEE's "deep dive" report said the same.

Ongoing work by HEE in England and Scottish authorities to close gaps.



The benefits of registration

- ▶ For the **public** – public protection
- ▶ For **registrants** – professional development, recognition, achievement and career path
- ▶ For **employers and commissioners** – quality assurance and quality enhancement of public health workforce
- ▶ For **governments** – proportionate regulation.



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