



## UKPHR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONER SCHEME UPDATES

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## UKPHR registration in the North West

We have now received Expressions of Interest from another 34 practitioners since Sept 2020 working across the NW region. There are 9 people currently developing portfolios.

Applications to formally join the scheme are open year-round, and more information and the key documents can be found [here](#)

### Registration success

Congratulations to Julie Lawson (St Helens Wellbeing Services) and Shane Knott (Liverpool) for gaining UKPHR registration.

The average time taken by practitioners to complete a portfolio in the NW is now 17.8 months– even more impressive during the current covid pandemic.

Thanks also to their assessors, Cerianne Tunnah and Sarah Doran and verifier Martin Smith.

*“Joining the scheme has been a valuable journey, not just because I gained UKPHR registration but also to gain skills and confidence “*



Each regional scheme receives funding from HEE to provide not only the functions for practitioners to gain UKPHR registration– but also to provide CPD opportunities to develop the whole public health workforce.

We have commissioned the FPH Accredited Practitioner Programme, a series of 6 half-day workshops which provide degree-level learning for the key competencies required for public health practice.

There is no charge for these sessions and learners can opt to submit work for assessment– to gain the accredited certification, perfect for experienced practitioners who have not had the opportunity for formal study.

Please share the information with your workforce and apply to [admin@healthtalks.org.uk](mailto:admin@healthtalks.org.uk) for a booking form.

Full workshop details can be found [here](#)



## UKPHR News

Registration is open for UKPHR's annual conference which will be held online via Zoom over two Thursday mornings: 22nd April and 29th April. You can read more and find out how to register for the events on our website [here](#): Registration is open until 31 March 2021.

We have also launched our Innovation in Public Health awards.

The closing date for nominations is 26 February 2021, so if you know anyone who deserves an award, you can read more about the process and make a nomination [here](#)



## Employer Engagement

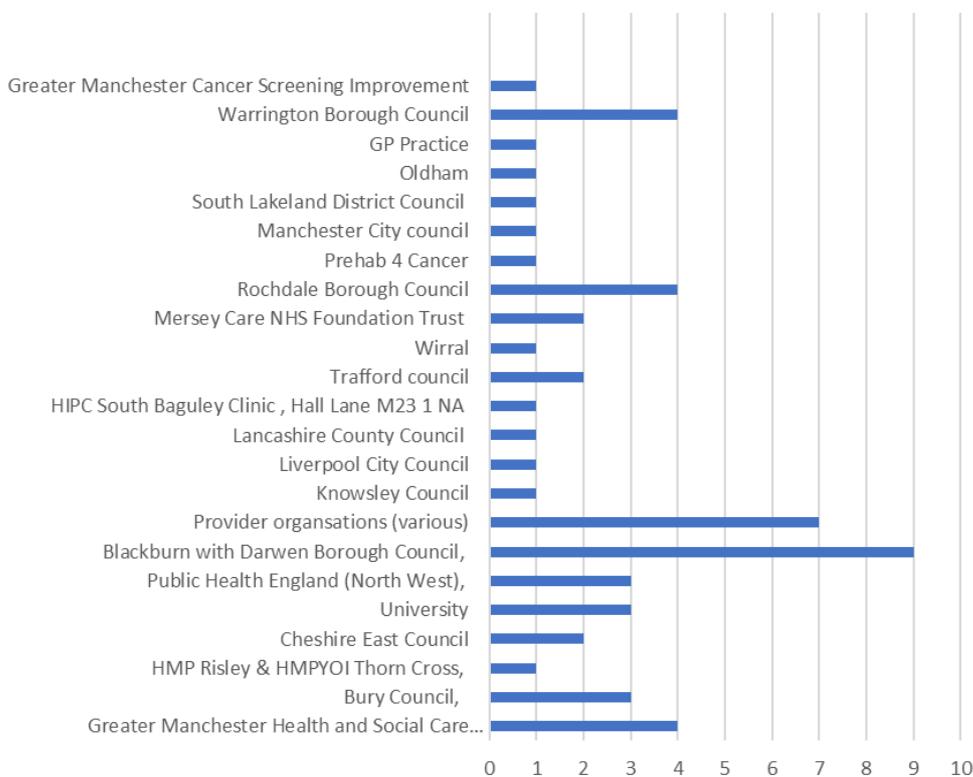
As more people apply to join the scheme, we review engagement on a regular basis to ensure there is equal access to the scheme for the whole workforce.

The chart below shows the number of Expressions of Interest received by employer.

If your organisation is not on this list, Alix Sheppard would be happy to deliver a short online workshop to your team, highlighting the benefits of becoming part of the regional scheme

Please email [admin@healthtalks.org.uk](mailto:admin@healthtalks.org.uk) to find out more

Expressions of Interest by Employer Jan 21

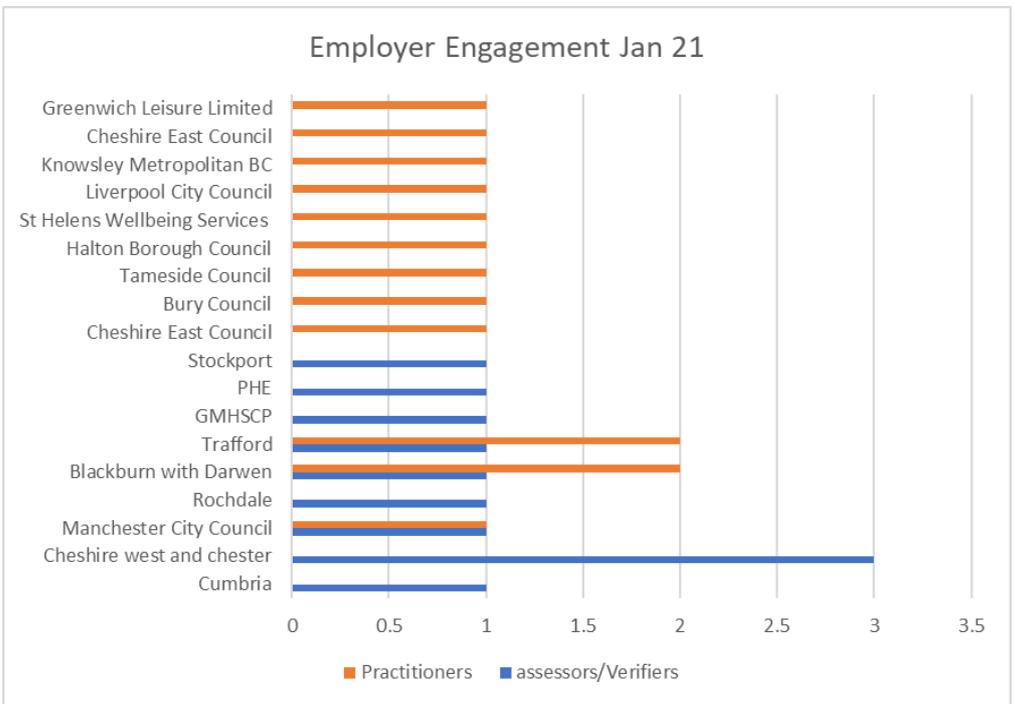


## Employer Engagement

The scheme has been established for almost 2 years now and in order to ensure that all practitioners have the opportunity to gain UKPHR registration, we invite employers to review the chart below.

We aim to have assessors, practitioners and verifiers in each organisation– to better support the development of the practitioner workforce. Once registered, practitioners are encouraged to undertake the Assessor role or become a mentor for others in their organisation.

To find out how to engage with the scheme and access the development opportunities for your workforce (funded by HEE), please email [Alix Sheppard](mailto:Alix.Sheppard@hee.nhs.uk)



## A call to action!

The North West is developing a registered public health workforce, but there is more to do. You can help by:

- Ensuring registration discussion is part of the appraisal and development processes for all employees
- Promoting the assessor and verifier roles among your senior workforce
- Offering the CPD workshops to all public health (and wider workforce) staff. There is no charge for these.
- Encouraging provider organisations to engage– by including a requirement in service specifications.

To find out more about the benefits of UKPHR registration to your workforce, click [here](#)

All key documents, CPD opportunities and information can be found [here](#)

