



NORTH WEST UKPHR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONER SCHEME BULLETIN

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UKPHR registration in the North West

More practitioners are applying to the scheme from a wide range of employers. There are currently 51 people in the Development Cohort—completing CPD and planning for their formal application to join the scheme by completing a self-assessment against the 34 UKPHR Standards.

Award Winner— Lucia Scally

At the UKPHR Conference, Lucia was awarded the “Contribution to UKPHR Practitioner Registration” award for her support to practitioners in achieving registration and improving public health practice.



You can view the workshops and presentations from the event [here](#)

“Since Covid, I have been asked to take on a number of different roles and projects. Having UKPHR registration has given me the skills and confidence to step-up effectively “

Embedding registration

Our aim is to maximise the quality of public health practice by enabling EVERY eligible practitioner working to improve public health in the North West to work towards gaining UKPHR registration. This requires a high level of employer support and engagement. Please see page 2 for full details of how you can contribute to developing a registered workforce.

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 are inviting employers to suggest CPD needs which can be commissioned across the region and will be undertaking a Learning Needs Analysis over the summer.

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 for a booking form.



UKPHR News

[Marcial Boo](#) has now taken over as CEO of UKPHR following the retirement of David Kidney.

NEW [Employer Toolkit](#) launched to help employers to embed registration and structured development into the workforce. Please review and share with your networks.

Employer Engagement

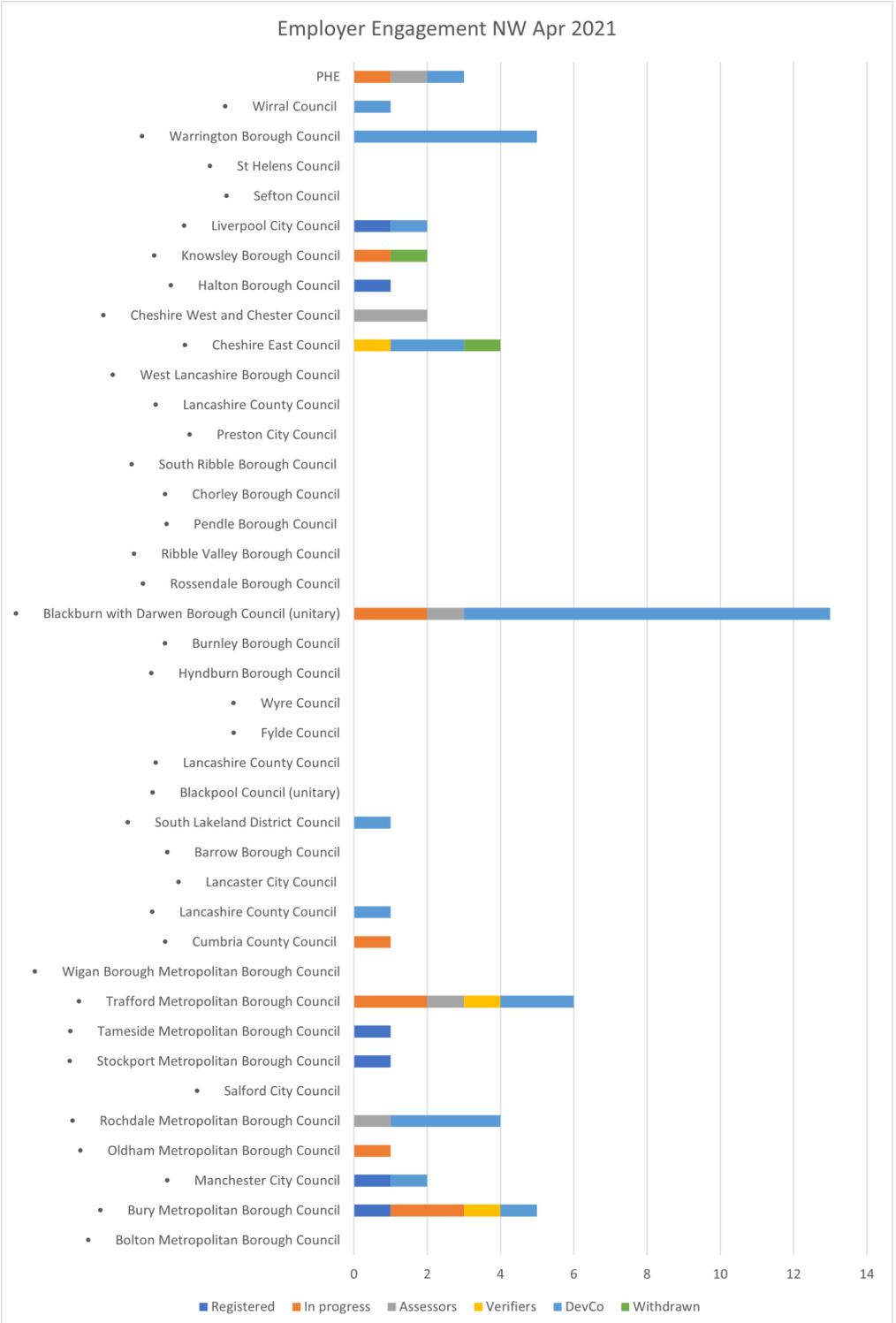


As more people apply to join the scheme, we review engagement on a regular basis to ensure there is equal access to the scheme for the whole workforce.

The chart below shows the level of engagement with local authorities in the NW. The aim is to have practitioners, assessors and verifiers in each public health employing organisation to provide systematic development and support, building a registered workforce. Blackburn with Darwen, Trafford and Bury are the trailblazers at present.

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@healthtalks.org.uk) alix@healthtalks.org.uk

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Delivery of the UKPHR NW Scheme

The scheme has been established for almost 2 years now and is funded by HEE, hosted by the Champs network. Alix Sheppard has been commissioned to coordinate the scheme and is working closely with HEE, PHE and the local workforce to maximise the effectiveness of the scheme.

Some elements of delivery are better at scale– and we have linked with the EMids, EofE and WMids schemes to bring together our networks of assessors and verifiers, sharing learning and creating a “Community of Practice.”

The only limit on the number of practitioners a regional scheme can support– is the number of assessors and verifiers we can recruit.

These are voluntary roles, carried out by senior members of the workforce and are detailed below.

Assessor Role	Verifier Role
<p>Eligibility:</p> <p>Senior autonomous workforce member for 2+ yrs</p> <p>Previous exp in assessment desirable but full training provided</p> <p>Duties:</p> <p>To assess portfolio submissions.</p> <p>Flexible and online role</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <p>Consultant in PH with at least 2 yrs standing</p> <p>Duties:</p> <p>To oversee the assessment process in bi-yearly verification panel meetings.</p>

For both roles above, full training is provided by UKPHR and the time commitment is both flexible and contributes to your own CPD.

See [here](#) for a short video describing the assessor role.

See [here](#) for an article by Dr Patrick Saunders FRCP, FFPH highlighting the verifier role

Recognising assessors and verifiers

The scheme would like to thank the following assessors and verifiers for their contribution over the last year, despite high workloads.

Often assessing and verifying portfolios in the evenings and at weekends – they have “kept the wheels on” practitioner registration in the NW!

Mel Smith (PHE), Ceriann Tunnah (CW&C), Sarah Doran (Manchester)

Claire Glazzard (Leeds Beckett), Rebecca Flether (Oldham), Martin Smith (Champs)

We have also welcomed new assessors, Donna Sager, Laura Wharton, Angela Crowe, Simon Bell, Amit Gaokar and Akua Joyce Quao to the team.

All key documents relating to the NW scheme, CPD opportunities and information can be found [here](#)