

NORTH WEST UKPHR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONER SCHEME BULLETIN

UKPHR registration in the North West

Applications to join the scheme are at a record high level— and we take on new practitioners up to 4 times per year in smaller cohorts to enable better quality support.

We are currently undertaking an “Employer Mapping” exercise to identify the levels of engagement across the region and ensure that the whole public health workforce has access to UKPHR registration—and our CPD programme.

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There are currently 16 practitioners actively developing portfolios— and a further 42 who are in the “Development Cohort” preparing to apply by completing CPD and gathering the required portfolio evidence.

As the public health workforce increases in size, it is essential that all practitioners have the skills and knowledge to carry out these roles and UKPHR registration is a way that employers can be assured of both theoretical and practice based skills.

CPD Programme

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.



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The **Project Management for Public Health practitioners** is a bespoke programme of study, held over 2 online workshops with learning tasks between sessions. Learners gain a “Toolkit” of documents which they can use after the sessions to apply project management good practice to the programmes they deliver in an often political environment, with multidisciplinary teams.

Reflecting on the Covid pandemic is a one-off workshop designed to give practitioners the opportunity to reflect on their practice over the recent extraordinary times and help them to use this experience in their UKPHR portfolio. Practitioners were working often in challenging situations and the workshop provides a safe place to discuss and reflect on the skills and knowledge they have gained during this period.

Difficult Conversations Training; The training consists of the human aspects of supporting others in crisis /bereavement/loss. This day incorporates modules such as theories of loss as well as interpersonal skills.

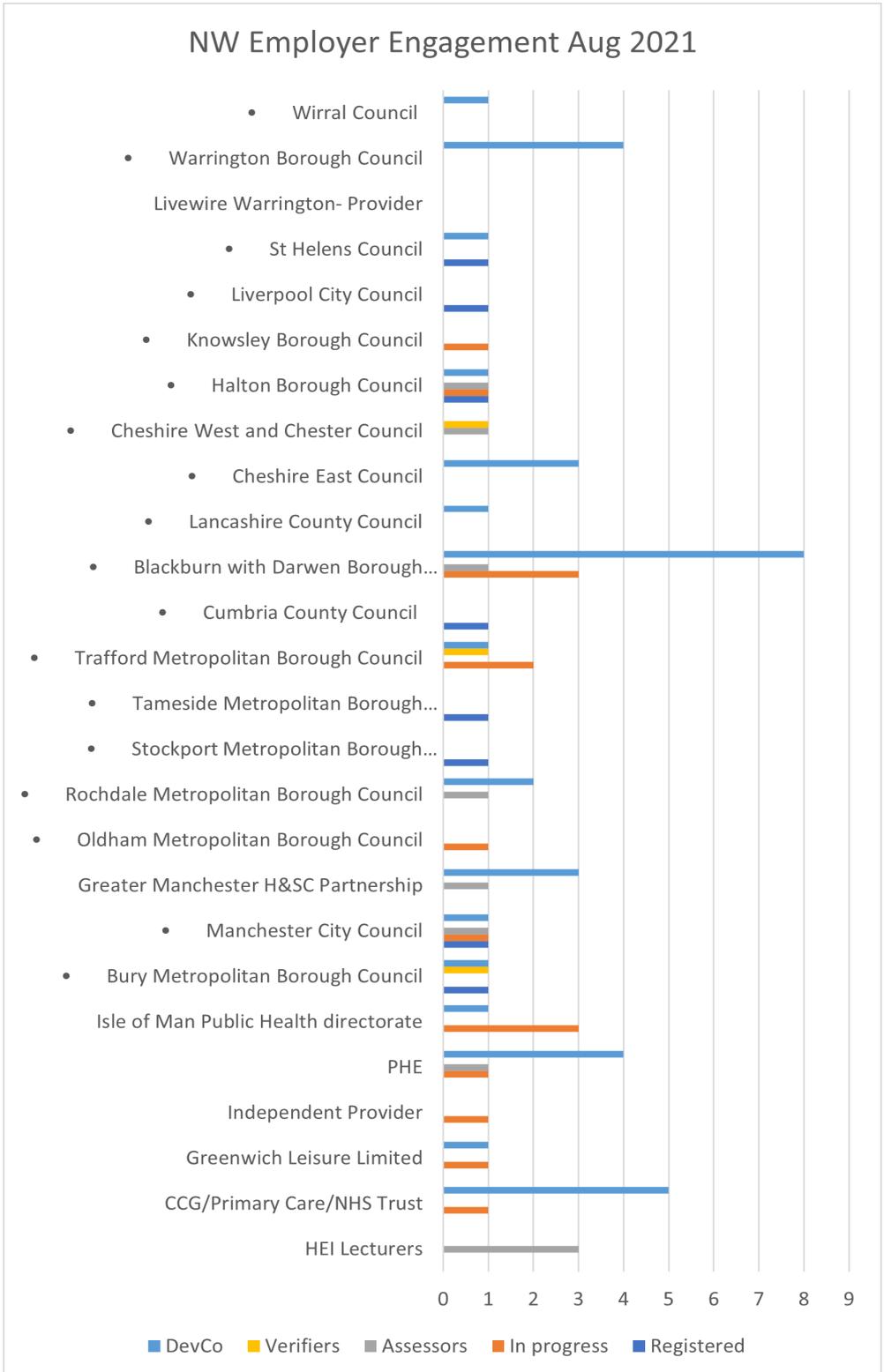
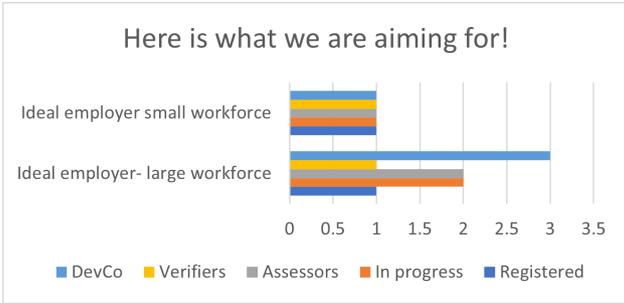
For information on the CPD programme or any aspect of the North West Scheme, please email admin@healthtalks.org.uk Or see website [here](#)

Employer Engagement

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.

If your employer is not listed below– we do not currently have any engagement—please feel free to email me for more information on how to make the most of this HEE funded programme.

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Assessors and Verifiers

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” vis our KHub platform [Home - UKPHR Assessors and Verifiers - Knowledge Hub \(khub.net\)](#)

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.

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

UKPHR has now changed to requirement for Verifiers– newly in-post Consultants can now undertake this role providing an excellent opportunity for them to develop their skills in workforce development and enabling them to get to know the practitioner workforce in their region.

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</p> <p>Duties:</p> <p>To oversee the assessment process in bi-yearly verification panel meetings.</p>

UKPHR News

CEO UPDATE: We are VERY sorry to announce that Marcial Boo is now leaving UKPHR to take on a role with the Equality and Human Rights Commission. See NEWS [here](#)

[All other news from UKPHR can be found here](#)

Please download the [Employers Toolkit](#) here to find out how you can embed UKPHR registration in your workforce.

Job Opportunities!

UKPHR are recruiting for a National Practitioner registration Officer [here](#)

And the CEO vacancy can be found [here](#)

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

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