

## NORTH WEST UKPHR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONER SCHEME BULLETIN

### New UKPHR registrants

Congratulations to Jane Hynes and Ben Willmot (Trafford Council) and Colin Hughes (Blackburn with Darwen Council) who completed portfolios and have gained UKPHR registration. This is an exceptional achievement given the workloads during the pandemic– and all completed the portfolio development process in 14 months.

The portfolio journey is different for each person, and commences with a self-assessment against the 34 UKPHR standards which cover 8 core areas of public health practice. Most practitioners need to carry out CPD to ensure they have the theoretical knowledge and the scheme provides a masterclass programme along with portfolio skills development sessions to support the process.

Approximately 50% of people applying for UKPHR registration already have MSc level qualifications– but this is not essential. What is important– is that practitioners have 2+ years of practice at autonomous level, to be able to show application of the 34 standards.

We are asking all employers to support all public health staff to consider registration- whatever point they are at in their careers– click this link to find out more about UKPHR registration in the North West. [Champs | Public Health Collaborative \(champspublichealth.com\)](https://champspublichealth.com)

# UKPHR

## Public Health Register

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### 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.

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.

**Fast track to portfolio development** is a one-off workshop designed to give practitioners the opportunity to reflect on their practice during the pandemic and help them to use this experience in their UKPHR portfolio. Practitioners have been working in challenging and unfamiliar situations and the workshop provides a safe place to discuss and reflect on the skills and knowledge they have gained during this period.

Bookings will open in April for all CPD sessions, please email [admin@healthtalks.org.uk](mailto:admin@healthtalks.org.uk) to register interest and receive early notifications of dates.

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

## North West Population Health & Prevention Network



### Who are we?

We are a free multi professional digital network for the health, care and voluntary sector workforce and the public health workforce across the North West. We are funded by Health Education England working across the North West – improving the quality of care delivered to patients, promoting quality in education and training.

### Purpose of the network

To support the health and wellbeing contribution of the health and care workforce – particularly around self-care, prevention and making every contact count.

To help your role around health protection and health improvement, creating a culture of wellness rather than illness in healthcare work.

To support public health workforce development in health improvement, health protection and improving services.



### What do we do?

Provide you with access to a digital platform to share information, ideas, provide access to events, education, and training opportunities.

A central repository of information on matters relating to public health workforce development, e.g., public health apprenticeships, practitioner registration and continued professional development.

Weekly e-bulletin to keep you updated on matters relating to your preventive healthcare role and health & wellbeing news, events, and public health practice here in the North West.

### How to join!

Join online by completing the registration form on the NW PHPN digital platform at [www.nwcpwd.nhs.uk/nwphpn-register](http://www.nwcpwd.nhs.uk/nwphpn-register) and receive instant access to all the resources after verifying your email address

Make sure you tick the registration box at the end of the registration form which will enable you to receive the NW PHPN monthly E-bulletin

Follow us on twitter [@nwphpn](https://twitter.com/nwphpn)

For general enquiries email [phpn.north@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:phpn.north@hee.nhs.uk).



# Practitioner Profile

Each quarter, we will feature practitioners, assessors and verifiers to highlight their work and journeys to registration.

**Name: Ben Willmot**

**Job:** Senior Covid Project Manager

**Tell us how you came to work in public health?**

After a number of years in Children's Community Health Service Commissioning and therefore working in a Public Health related area, I decided it was time to do the real thing and move into the core Public Health Team. I had the pleasure of 1 whole month in the team before I was asked to start working on a new piece of work called Covid!



**Was it easy to navigate the pathway to find the right CPD and development opportunities (BEFORE you joined the scheme)?**

Whilst I had undertaken a variety of CPD prior to joining the scheme, I hadn't had the opportunity to take part in a structured development process.

**Why did you want to gain UKPHR registration?**

I felt I had worked in Public Health long enough to be able to demonstrate I could achieve all the competencies. It was also nice to reflect back on a time when I was able to think strategically about pieces of work rather than needing to react immediately to the latest changes in pandemic policy!

**What have been the benefits of the portfolio development process?**

Allowing me an opportunity to document the variety of Public Health skills I have developed during my time in Public Health. It also gives you the confidence to realise quite how much you've learnt and achieved working in public health. The ability to undertake regular learning sessions and meet fellow Public Health colleagues from across the North West was also hugely beneficial.

**What are the challenges and how did you overcome them?**

Reminding yourself that you can't just spend 15 minutes on it here and there, but actually need to carve out dedicated time to complete your portfolio!

**Would you recommend this to other PH professionals?**

***Absolutely!***

We would like to extend thanks to the following assessors and verifiers for their continuing work throughout the pandemic:

Claire Glazzard (Leeds Beckett) Donna Sager (FFPH), Simon Bell (Halton), Angela Crowe and Aqua Joyce Quao (UCLAN), Sally Cray (Independent)

Martin Smith, Jon Hobday, Sarah Doran and Helen Gollins (Consultants and Verifiers)

There are currently 14 practitioners in the North West in the process of completing portfolios and **62** who are preparing for portfolio development by completing CPD and self-assessment.

Anyone interested in finding out about the scheme, as a practitioner, assessor, verifier or employer can join our online **Information Session**. These are scheduled quarterly and the next is on **Tues 5th April 2022 at 9am**.

To express interest in joining the scheme please click [here](#)



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

**To apply for these roles:**

**Assessor:** <https://forms.office.com/r/qp0QpZkS5E>

**Verifier:** <https://forms.office.com/r/SU8Q2DZ046>

## UKPHR News

We are pleased to welcome Danielle Stephens as the new UKPHR Practitioner Coordinator. This role will support the development of practitioner registration in the UK and drive improvements to the registration processes and profile of this important career development opportunity.

Please see the [UKPHR website](#) for more information about the registers

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

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