



Current routes to FPH Practitioner Membership

1. With UKPHR Registration

Anyone who is registered with the UK Public Health Register (UKPHR) as a Practitioner can join FPH by completing an application form and sending it to membership@fph.org.uk

Anyone who is enrolled on a UKPHR practitioner registration scheme is also able to join as an Enrolled Practitioner Member and then will be upgraded to Practitioner Membership once their registration is complete.

2. By demonstrating that you are currently working in core public health at the level of a practitioner, have a relevant professional registration and a relevant graduate qualification.

Anyone who does not have access to UKPHR registration as a practitioner or whom it would be inappropriate to register as a practitioner at this stage in their career can join FPH as a Practitioner member if they can demonstrate that they meet the following criteria and have this assured by an existing FPH Member or Fellow.

- A relevant professional registration
- A Graduate qualification in a relevant field or equivalent
- Current experience working at the level of a practitioner for at least 3 years

FPH acknowledge that it may not be appropriate for some senior individuals to obtain UKPHR practitioner registration if they are working in an academia or in a public health post at a level of seniority where it would be more appropriate for them to seek specialist registration as the next stage in their career.

Meaning of terms

What do we mean by core public health?

FPH considers core public health practice to be work which contributes to one or more of the three domains of public health:

1. Health improvement, including work to improve mental and physical health as well as health inequalities
2. Health protection, including disease prevention, environmental health and urban planning
3. Improving services for clinical effectiveness, efficiency, service planning, audit and evaluation, equity or clinical governance

Public health intelligence which supports these three domains, including academic research, is also considered core public health.

This definition can be applied to anyone who considers public health as being part of their role.

What do we mean by relevant professional registration?

FPH recognises UK professional registration which provides competency based assessments for professionals working at a level appropriate for public health practitioners. This includes but is not limited to the following registration types:

- Practitioner registration with the UK Public Health Register (UKPHR)
- The Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
- The Academy of Healthcare Scientists
- The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)
- The General Dental Council (GDC)
- The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)
- The General Medical Council (GMC)

What do we mean by relevant graduate qualification?

A qualification at level 6 or above in the [Regulated Qualifications Framework](#) (or equivalent) that is related to the practice of public health. In some cases both the level and relevance will be obvious, for example a Diploma or Masters in Public Health, but when this is not the case the applicant should explain the relevance of their qualification to public health.

Applying for Practitioner Membership

Applicants can apply for Practitioner Membership as follows:

1. Complete and return an application form
 - a. If an applicant requires an FPH Member or Fellow to act as a referee but does not have any members available to provide this reference then their application will be forwarded to the Local Board Member or Faculty Adviser for the region in which they work at the time of applying and these FPH Fellows will be asked to act as a referee.
 - b. If neither the Local Board Member nor Faculty Adviser is willing or able to act as a referee then the application will be referred to an assessment panel for consideration.
2. If an application is successful then admission details will be sent to the applicant