

The UK Public Health Training Scheme

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- The session will be recorded and put on Moodle

This workshop

- Introduction to UK Public Health specialty training
- Application process
- Insight from a current participant

This workshop is not an overview of all aspects of Public Health in the UK

Resources for that:

Careers in Public Health in the UK;

Career options using your master's;

Careers using your research skills

Who is in the room?

Clinicians/non-clinicians?

Experienced/less experienced?

UK/International?

Current level of knowledge of Public Health training scheme?



The UK Public Health landscape

National picture – central Government, PHE, NICE,
Implementation – local authorities (also charities/NGOs)

Other major players – Think Tanks, consultancies,
pharma

Research – universities, pharma, research aspects in
other organisations/roles

Public Health training scheme/registrar training, leading
to Public Health Consultant role (usually local authority).

What is the scheme?

One of the medical specialties, but open to non-medics;

Varied training over 4-5 years (4 years if already hold PH master's);

Mandatory placements: 12 months Local Authority; 4 months in Health Protection;

Optional placements;

Options for 'Out of Programme' experience (or research eg PhD);

Two exams – written and practical/scenario based;

Potential route to higher level jobs.

Faculty of Public Health Specialty Training

Body responsible for the training

60-90 places per year

Applications open 5 Nov 2020

Closing date 1 Dec 2020

Assessment centre 8 Jan 2021

Do you have to be from the UK?

–Not quite, but... (q 46 in 2020 FAQ doc).

One of the most competitive specialties for medics.
Competition varies by location but overall, 7 (84:601).

[Data on last year here](#)

- London and Southeast 13 or 17:224,
- Scotland 20 or 2:41,
- Wales 2 or 5:9.

I'm not a doctor

Experience required, including public health experience;

No precise description of what that is;

Up to you to demonstrate.



Application process

Application and assessment of eligibility – first stage;
After that, all 'blind' selection (no difference for medics/non-medics).

Assessment centre – verbal/numerical reasoning, situational judgement;

Selection centre – group task, individual interview, written assessment.

All candidates ranked, candidates then also rank areas (in UK) in order of preference.

Training organized regionally, once on scheme, stay in that region.

Booklet produced by FPH '[Specialise in the bigger picture](#)'

FAQ document (2020) from [FPH recruitment information](#), under useful documents, Essential guidance FAQs

Public Health Specialty Recruitment 2020

Essential Guidance - Frequently Asked Questions

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- What's the scheme like?
- Q&A

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