

# The UK Public Health Training Scheme

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## Lunchtime sessions – 1-1.30 pm (UK time)

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Limited tickets, booking essential, details to follow

## **Save the date - Global and Public Health Careers: Panel Discussion**

Tues 29 November, 17.30pm (UK time)

- Please keep mics on mute;
- Use the chat box lots;
- Trouble with sound? Trying leaving and coming back, try a different browser;
- The session will be recorded and put on Moodle under 'Exploring Career Options (recordings)'.

# This workshop

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

**Not** an overview of all aspects of Public Health in the UK.

Resources for that in 'Exploring Career options (recordings)':

- 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?

Use the chat box:



National picture – central Government, [UK Health Security Agency](#) and [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities](#)), 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 e.g. 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 3 Nov 2022;

Closing date 1 Dec 2022 (4 pm);

Assessment centre 11 Jan 2023

Selection event 28 Feb - 2 Mar 2023 (virtual).

### Do you have to be from the UK?

"Doctors who are not UK or EEA nationals and whose immigration status entitles them to work without restriction in the UK will be considered on an equal basis with UK and EEA nationals."



One of the most competitive specialties for medics. Competition varies by location but overall, 8 (98:786 competition ratio\*). [Data on last year here](#)

- London and Southeast 18 (15:266), previously 14 (17:234)
- Scotland 6 (11:62), previously 11 (5:53)
- Wales 9 (3:26), previously 13 (2:26)

So it varies, but London/South East is particularly competitive.

\*Ratio (posts available: eligible 1st choice apps)

# 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 (2022) from [FPH recruitment information](#), from application process page, Essential guidance FAQs

Public Health Specialty Recruitment 2022	
Essential Guidance - Frequently Asked Questions	
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- What's the scheme like?
- Q&A

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**Feedback form!**

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