



JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN

FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND UK VOLUNTARY REGISTER FOR

PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALISTS

The UK Voluntary Register for Public Health Specialists (UKVR) opened the defined arm of the register in June 2006. Entry to the register is based on knowledge and experience, demonstrated against ten key areas of competence. Each applicant completes a portfolio demonstrating that they have the acquired knowledge base in public health, that they know how to apply this knowledge and that they can demonstrate application in their public health practice ("knows and knows how" and "shows how"). Portfolios are submitted to and considered by the UKVR multidisciplinary Registration Panel.

Defined registration is a specific and different category of registration to general registration. The two categories are equal and the register is not hierarchical. The registration certificate will state whether the person is registered as a generalist or as a defined public health specialist.

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) has agreed to offer Fellowship of the Faculty of Public Health to each individual who gains defined registration with the UKVR, as is already the case for those who gain registration as a generalist.

Through its public health standard-setting role, the FPH provides advice and guidance to employers and others with respect to all consultant posts, including DPH posts. The FPH considers that individuals with defined registration are eligible for shortlisting for, and appointment to, DPH and consultant posts. In all appointments, employers will wish to ensure that an applicant's areas of competence meet those required in the person specification. Consultants similarly should ensure that they practise within their range of competences.

The FPH's specimen job descriptions and related guidance for employers and others will be amended to ensure clarity in this area.

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