

## Update on Revalidation July 2009

The UKPHR has begun to receive enquiries from registrants about the forthcoming arrangements for revalidation. Along with other health professional regulators, UKPHR is working with the UK Departments of Health and with other organisations, including FPH, that are responsible for setting professional standards, towards ensuring a robust and fair system of revalidation.

It seems likely at this stage that revalidation for medical practitioners registered with the General Medical Council, who the Departments of Health at present regard as the first health professional group to participate formally in revalidation, will commence in 2011.

UKPHR will need to ensure that revalidation for its registrants is compatible with the arrangements to be introduced for those public health specialists who are registered with the General Medical Council.

UKPHR will update its advice to registrants at the earliest opportunity and hopefully by the end of 2009. For now, however, all registrants are advised strongly to participate in a recognised scheme of Continuing Professional Development and to ensure they have an annual documented professional Appraisal and Personal Development Plan.

Also recommended is a personal system of capturing and storing evidence of professional competence, such as conference attendance and presentations, publications and feedback from others. For members of FPH, their recent publication, *Revalidation and Public Health* (June 2009), provides helpful advice.

*Further relevant information:*

Principles for Revalidation, *Report of the Working Group for non-Medical Revalidation* Dept of Health (England), November 2008, <http://www.dh.gov.uk/publications>

General Medical Council website, <http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/licensing/index.asp>

DH Revalidation Support Team: [www.revalidationsupport.nhs.uk](http://www.revalidationsupport.nhs.uk)

Faculty of Public Health: [www.fph.org.uk](http://www.fph.org.uk)

Also reproduced below is the previous UKPHR statement issued by the Board in November 2007 concerning revalidation.



## **UK VOLUNTARY REGISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALISTS**

### **UKVRPHS Board Interim Statement on Revalidation**

The UKVRPHS Board has been considering the issue of revalidation as continuing registration for those on the register is subject to a five-year revalidation process and the Register has now been open for four years.

Revalidation from the Board's perspective is concerned with Fitness to Practise within the role that the registrant currently practises in public health at specialist level.

With this in mind the Board's view is that revalidation is about registrants demonstrating continuing health and professional probity and that they have maintained their competence to practise in the aspects of public health that they are involved in. The Board recognise the importance of personal development plans and regular professional review. Consequently, the Board will be seeking to work with the professional bodies that registrants are also members of (where applicable) to accept the registrant's demonstrable compliance with the relevant professional body's CPD scheme and other requirements, as being suitable for revalidation. At this time these schemes are still being developed and a further notice about revalidation will be sent to members when the process is complete. It is likely that satisfactory annual completion of a return will in future be required. In the meantime, it is expected that all registrants should be participating in a recognised CPD scheme, at the time of seeking revalidation. Anyone unsure of his or her current involvement in a scheme is invited to contact the Register.

The Board recognises that not all registrants will be members of a professional body, or one whose CPD scheme and other requirements would meet the Board's criteria for revalidation, and the Board is considering alternative ways for a registrant to achieve revalidation in such circumstances. One such possible route would be to participate in the scheme offered by the Faculty of Public Health, which is also open to non members/fellows of the Faculty of Public Health.