



Bulletin

Welcome to the first newsletter after the launch of the UKPHR's new website. This website has been designed to make it more user friendly and will include regular updates from the practitioner project as well as information on other register projects and collaborations. Registrants will now be invited to update their own details ensuring that correspondence reaches them at their requested contact address.

Earlier this year the UKPHR was accepted into membership of the UKIPG (UK Inter-Professional Group). The UKIPG was founded in 1977 to act as a Forum for the major Professional and Regulatory Bodies in the United Kingdom. Its membership comprises of representatives from healthcare, legal, financial, scientific, engineering and construction professions. Some are voluntary bodies, or statutory bodies; others regulate under the terms of their Royal Charter. Major areas of interest include Professional Regulation, Professional Education and Training, the impact of European and International Affairs, and Professional Ethics and Values. The most recent Group to form is that dealing with Corporate Governance matters.

The UKPHR Board is moving to a new constitution to be established in 2009 and the UKPHR is taking into account the recommendations from the White Paper: Trust, Assurance and Safety: the Regulation of Health Professionals in the 21st century. The UKIPG has also proved useful in discussing the most suitable constitution through its corporate governance group.

An important recommendation from the White Paper and also from the DH initiative for 'Modernising Professional Regulation' is for regulators to create efficient measures to ensure that registrants are effectively revalidated throughout their career. For the UKPHR, revalidation is an ongoing project and the final proposals for the UKPHR system are still under consideration. Consultation is being sought through other regulators and professional bodies, as to the most appropriate method to be used for the registrants on the UKPHR. It is appreciated that not only do the registrants come from a variety of backgrounds, but they may already be registered with another professional body and some may only be registered with this register. Progress reports on revalidation will be issued regularly as it is appreciated that some registrants will be approaching their five year revalidation period. The UKPHR Board issued an interim statement which is available on this website. It is likely that revalidation will be dependent on annual returns of satisfactory CPD and appraisal. This will be major project in early 2009 for the appropriate system to be established on for public health professionals, both specialists and practitioners.

The project for practitioner regulation has been progressing well throughout the year. Extensive piloting took place for the draft standards throughout the first few months of the year, and involved practitioners from a wide variety of backgrounds across all four UK countries.

Two models were tested, a generic model and an essential plus additional standards model. It was widely felt after piloting that the generic standards proved to be applicable to all groups of practitioners and would lead to an integrated workforce.

The UKPHR Board considered the findings from the piloting in September, and recommended that a detailed consultation around the process of registration be developed as the next phase, with a view to implementation of a practitioner route to registration in 2009.

The consultation on the proposals for regulation has been sent out to individuals and organisations, and is also available on this website. Do please visit this and contribute your views. Events are planned with employers, key health communities and national events. For more detailed news on the project, please refer to the register development section on this website.

The total number on the full register is now 361 with 299 through portfolio assessment, 56 through the Faculty standard training route and also 6 with dual registration.

The UKPHR are always looking to appoint new assessors so if anyone would like to be considered, or wishes to be involved in any of the registers projects or advisory committees then please write to Sarah North at UKPHR, Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London SE1 8DJ.

Please note that the UKPHR is working towards a common renewal date for all specialist registrants of 1 July, and by July 2009 all specialists will have this renewal date. The revalidation date of five years from the date of registration will remain.

All that remains in this newsletter is to wish everyone who is involved in the register, whether it be registrants, assessors, Board members or those involved in projects, a very good Xmas and a Happy New Year.



Please refer to the register website at www.publichealthregister.org.uk to download a full briefing pack for the defined specialist route to the register and for information about other routes to registration, summary Board minutes and previous Bulletins

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