

# Training and development (public health practitioner)

Public health practitioners generally have a relevant degree or equivalent experience, and it is now possible to undertake a public health practitioner degree via a [level 6 apprenticeship](#) [1].

As their career progresses, public health practitioners may move into [line management or senior management roles](#) [2] and will often undertake project management training or work towards a Master's degree.

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Practitioners can also undertake [specialty training in public health](#) [3] to qualify for specialist posts, such as [consultants](#) [4] and [directors of public health](#) [5]. Others may decide to follow an academic pathway, [teaching and researching on public health issues](#). [6]

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Public health practitioners can also become members of the Faculty of Public Health (FPH) if they belong to a regulated profession or have obtained registration with a professional body, have a graduate degree relevant to public health, and have three years of experience working in core public health.

## Find out more

Find out more about:

- [apprenticeships that support public health careers](#) [8]

## Partner logos

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Local Government Association<sub>[10]</sub>  
Royal Society for Public Health<sub>[11]</sub>

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