

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:

- public health regulation, registration and professional body membership ^[7]
- apprenticeships that support public health careers ^[8]

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