

# The public health workforce explained

People working in public health may be employed in a range of different organisations. It is not uncommon for people to move across sectors as their careers develop and, increasingly, people may choose to be self-employed for some or part of their time.

The three main employing sectors in public health are:

- public sector - local government, the civil service, the NHS and higher education
- private sector - private and independent companies, organisations and consultancy firms
- third sector - charities or social enterprises



## The core public health workforce

Some people identify **public health as being the main part of their role**, and these may be considered the 'core public health workforce.'

- Find out more about the core public health workforce [1]

# The wider public health workforce

There are many more people who **contribute to public health in some way through their actions** (even if they do not realise it); these may be considered as part of the 'wider public health workforce.' You may well have such a role yourself. Indeed it is often said that "public health is everyone's business."

- Find out more about the wider public health workforce [2]

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