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Generally, directors of public health come from the pool of senior consultants and specialists who have qualified through the national public health specialty training programme or through an alternative portfolio route [1].

You'll therefore have the same registration requirements as public health specialists and be a highly trained and experienced individual.



Once qualified, public health consultants and specialists from a medical or dental background must register with either the General Medical Council [2] or the General Dental Council [3].

Those from any other backgrounds must register with the UK Public Health Register [4].

Some individuals who are on the General Medical Council or General Dental Council's Specialist Register in a specialty other than Public Health or Dental Public Health, may be appointed as a director of public health if they have gained equivalent training or appropriate experience of public health practice.

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