

## Public Health Practitioner Development Scheme Thames Valley 2018

### Applications open

Does your role involve working towards improving  
the health of the population?

#### Who is a public health practitioner?

People who spend a major part or all of their time in public health practice. They are likely to work in multi-professional teams and include people who work with groups and communities as well as with individuals. They work across the full breadth of public health from health improvement and health protection, to health information, community development, and nutrition, in a wide range of settings from the NHS and local government to the voluntary, and private sectors.

If you are a practitioner keen to develop or strengthen your career in public health, then this programme may be for you. It is open to **practitioners working in the Thames Valley area** (Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Milton Keynes). This scheme supports individuals working at [Level 5](#), or above, to work towards completing a **retrospective** portfolio of their work to apply for registration with the UK Public Health Practitioner Register, <https://www.ukphr.org/>

*“The scheme has provided opportunities for me to attend professional development workshops....it has opened me to a network of Public Health professionals. Writing my portfolio has challenged me to reflect on my work, evidencing my knowledge and skill application in the field of public health”. NHS employee*

*“By the end I found it had built my confidence in practising public health and recognising what I had achieved to date”.  
Local Authority employee*

*“You will get lots out of it but it will be hard work. The network of practitioners in other areas is invaluable. It will help you be more effective in your role and boost your confidence. It will enhance your professional standing and could help with job security and career progression”  
Local Authority employee*

*“Since starting the scheme, I have found it has influenced my practice in a positive way, I have a deeper understanding of my areas of strength and those which require further development.”*

**To learn more about the scheme and whether this is appropriate for you, please register your attendance to join our Webinar and/or conference calls via [lesley.maitland@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:lesley.maitland@ouh.nhs.uk):**

**Webinar: Thursday 5 October 12.30-1.30 pm**

Conference Calls: 16 October, 2-3pm and 20 October 10-11am

Further details and application form at <http://www.oxsph.org/pds.html>

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*“It has been brilliant and a hard slog at the same time. I wouldn’t change my mind about doing it”*