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Opportunities for Graduates in Public Health

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ABOUT US...

WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

What is Public Health video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oy1CAMObRzc>



What is Public Health?

“The science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting, protecting and improving health through the organised efforts of society”

Adapted from definition by Winslow CEA (1920), Acheson D(1988)

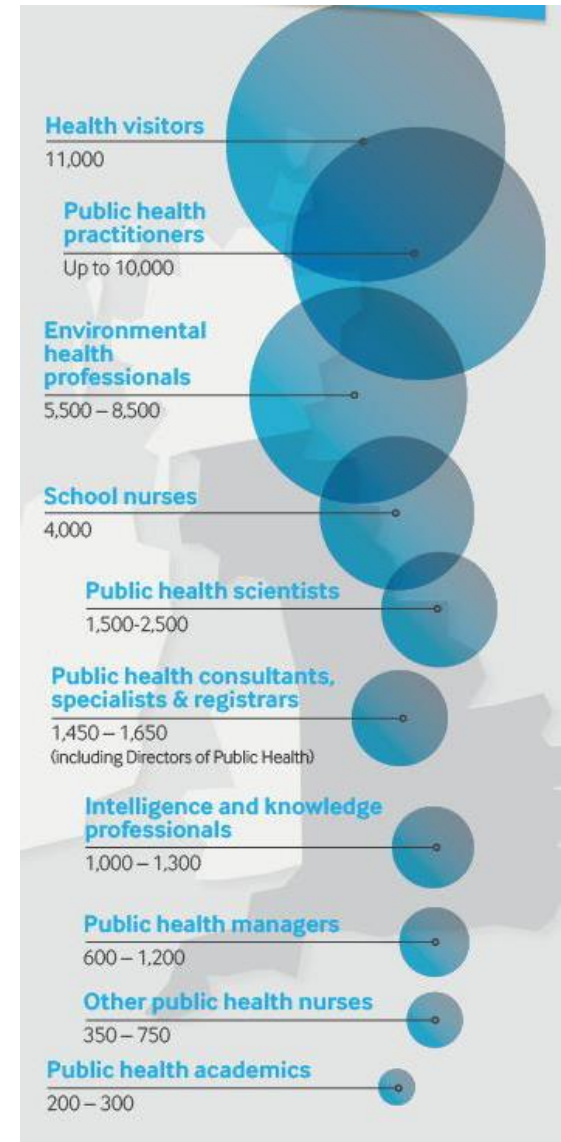
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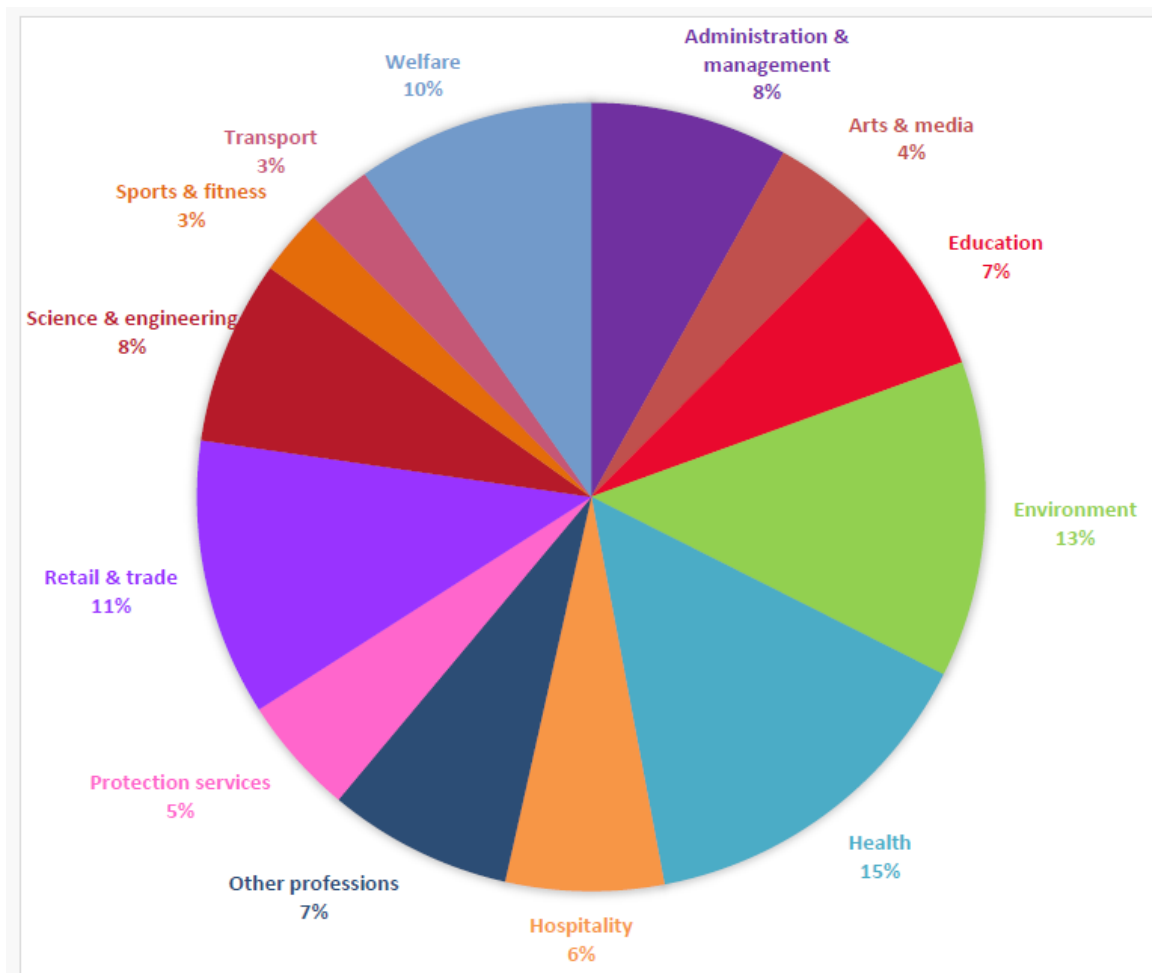
What Do We Mean by Public Health Workforce?

‘All staff engaged in public health activities who identify public health as being the primary part of their role’
(CfWI definition)

“People who champion the public’s health & wellbeing through their day-to-day contact with the public, but whose primary role is not public health-focused”



Proportion of the Wider Public Health Workforce by Employment Group



Source: CfWI / RSPH / PHE, 2015

The Public Health Workforce

Core Workforce

Specialist

work at a strategic or senior management level or at a senior level of scientific expertise in public health

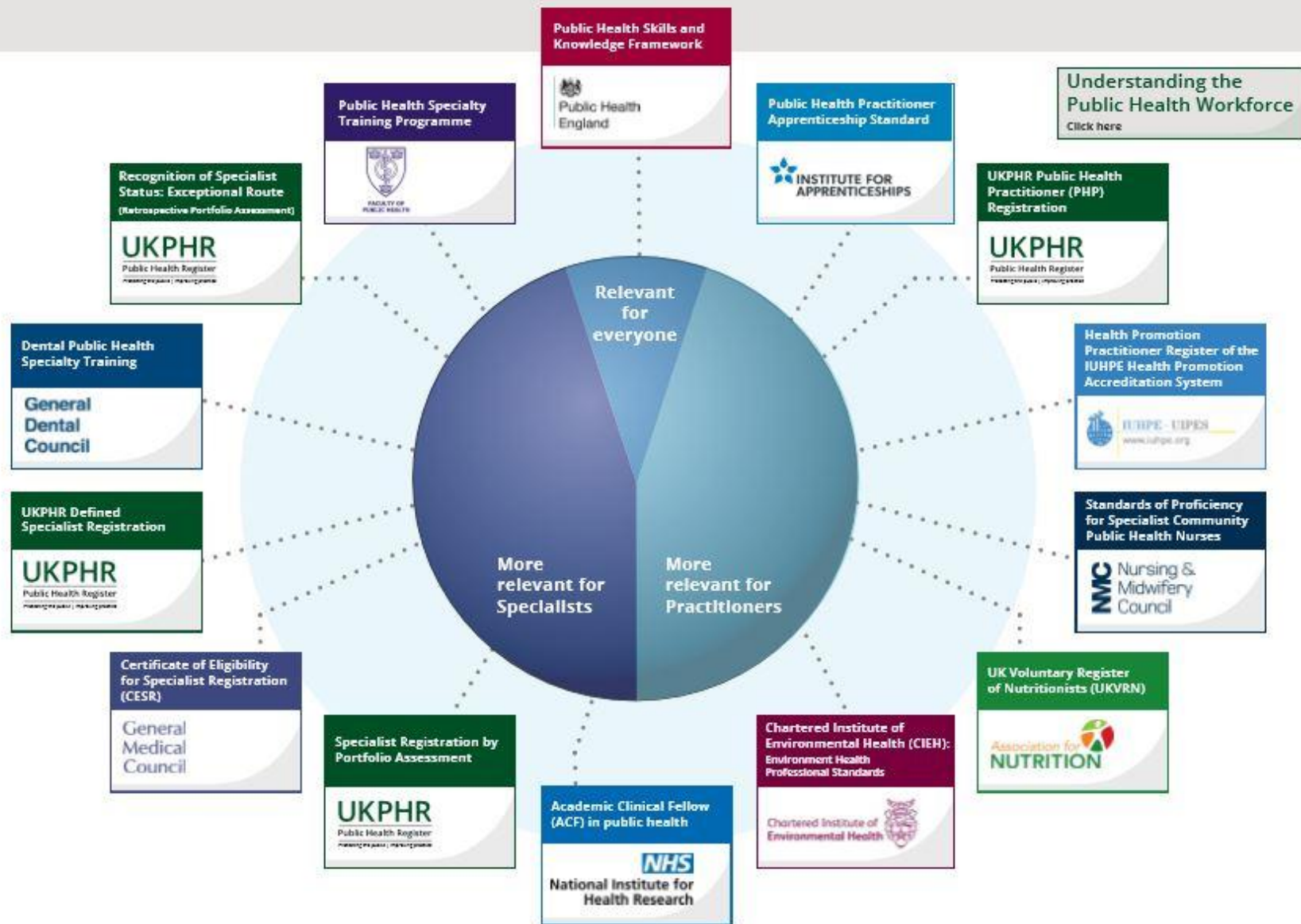
Practitioner

Public health practitioners spend a major part, or all, of their time in public health practice. 'Practitioner' describes a certain level of practice not a specified job role or type of job

Wider Workforce

Any individual who is not a specialist or practitioner in public health, but has the opportunity or ability to positively impact health and wellbeing through their (paid or unpaid) work

Infographic showing competency frameworks and professional standards in public health *including routes to professional registration*



Public Health Roles

Improving People's Health

- Community Health Improvement Practitioner
- Health Improvement Specialist
- Health Trainer
- Health Visitor
- Service Health Improvement Manager

Protecting People's Health

- Public Health Scientist
- Microbiologist
- Emergency Planning Officer
- Infection Control Nurse
- Screening facilitator

NHS Roles with a Public Health Aspect

- Dentists
- Community pharmacists
- Opticians
- Midwives
- GPs
- Medical professionals
- Practice nurses
- District nurses
- Occupational health nurses
- Allied health professionals
- Director of charity

Public health intelligence

- Epidemiologist
- Health Intelligence Analyst

Public sector roles with a public health aspect

- Teachers (e.g. teachers of physical education or citizenship; teachers with leadership or pastoral care responsibilities)
- School catering staff
- Leisure centre staff
- Social workers
- Police officers
- Fire and rescue services
- Housing officers
- Trading standards officers
- Town planners

Voluntary sector (third sector) roles with a public health aspect

- Unpaid volunteer
- Paid advice worker
- Services manager
- Trainer
- Campaign manager
- Senior advocate for work of third sector

Settings for Public Health

Local Authority

Public Health Teams

Environmental health, education,
environment, planning, transport,
social care, trading standards

Public Health England

Health Protection

Health Improvement

Healthcare Public Health

Field Epidemiology

International Public Health

National Health Service

Commissioning, clinical effectiveness

Health Policy

Department of Health

National Institute for Health and Care
Excellence (NICE)

International and Global Health

Department for International
Development (DFID)

International Planned Parenthood
Federation (IPPF)

NGOs

UK Voluntary and Community Sector

Research orgs, campaigning orgs,
service provision

Pathways into Public Health

- Apprenticeships into Public Health
- Undergraduate degrees
- Masters in Public Health
- Public Health Practitioner Programme
- Faculty of Public Health 5 year speciality training programme

Skills Required

- Leadership & systems thinking
- Influencing skills (influencing through PH data & intelligence; influencing without authority)
- Data visualisation/infographics for communication
- Political awareness/working in a political environment
- Collaborative working
- Health economics (determining local priorities)

Local Authority Public Health Graduate Schemes

- A number of Local Authorities (e.g.: Birmingham, Thurrock etc.) offer Graduate trainee posts (£18k-£25k p.a)
- Cannot become a Consultant/DPH on completion of scheme but may become eligible to apply for specialty training.
- Opportunity to develop skills/knowledge in Public Health

UKPHR Public Health Practitioner Registration

- People working in a public health role with a level of autonomy to make decisions and who would like to attain professional registration to certify their level of practice.
- Generally have a relevant degree or equivalent experience.
- UKPHR public health practitioner standards define a minimum level of knowledge and skill to be held by all practitioners. This is assessed via a portfolio of evidence.
- 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.
- Cannot become a Consultant or director of public but may become eligible to apply for specialty training.

Public Health Specialty Training Programme

- 5 year training scheme to become a Consultant in Public Health/Consultant Epidemiologist
- Open to medics and non-medics
- **MEDICS:** medical degree + successful completion of Foundation training
- **NON-MEDICS:** 1st Degree (1st/2:1) or higher certificated degree. At least 60 months (wte) work experience at time of appointment, of which at least 24 months (wte) must be in an area relevant to population health practice. The 24 months should be at Band 6 or above of Agenda for Change or equivalent and a minimum of 3 months wte at Band 6 level or equivalent in the 3 years preceding the intended start date
- Academic Public Health

Want to know more?

- Faculty of Public Health www.fph.org.uk
- NHS Health Careers <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/public-health>
- Health Education England <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/public-health-specialist-capacity>
- Royal Society of Public Health <https://www.rsph.org.uk/>
- UK Public Health Register <https://www.ukphr.org/>
- Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/about/recruitment>

Thank you for your time!

Any Questions?