

# Non-Academic Careers: Public Health Training

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# What is the job of PH Consultant?

- Understand and communicate evidence about local need and what works
- Push the focus of statutory agencies upstream towards prevention
- Develop & support working partnerships to deliver health improvement
- Commission PH programmes including sexual health, substance misuse, health checks, children's PH nursing & health improvement campaigns

# What does the job look like day to day?

- Editing local community needs assessment prior to publication
- Reading and commenting on Guildford's draft Local Area Plan for development and local planning application to build 450 houses in local village
- Forecasting my budget spend and identifying funds to bring in consultants to complete piece of work around information governance
- Dealing with staff matters (OH, under & over performance, stress, prioritisation & skills)
- Developing policy for PH training in Department + Educational Supervisor training
- Implementing web-based project management system with team to deliver key projects
- Reading papers and attending CCG Clinical Commissioning Committee and Governing Body, Dementia Partnership and local Borough Health and Wellbeing Board meetings
- Agreeing way forward with staff on prevention plan that we are developing for CCG
- Writing paper for PH leadership team on criteria to determine priorities for next 5 years
- Reading and disseminating circulars to team members
- Pushing idea team member has for improving nutrition and reducing spend with CCG
- Responding to mis-reporting of TB outbreak in local news outlet
- PH leadership and team meetings (Intelligence, Healthcare and Team around the Place)

# How do you become a PH Consultant?

Two routes to being admitted to the GMC or UKPHR Register:

- Portfolio route if working in Service PH
- Formal 4/5 year training programme
  - Open to medics and non-medics
  - Non-medics must have 60 months experience working in related field at AfC Band 6 or above
  - Annual multi-stage recruitment competition

# What does the training programme involve?

- Apprenticed in variety of settings with different trainers over 4 years
- Some programmes include MSc year (Year 0)
- Assessed throughout to determine if have met specific learning outcomes over 9 areas of PH practice
- Formally reviewed annually to ensure that making satisfactory progression
- Must also pass 2 professional exams:
  - Part A - knowledge based
  - Part B – skills based

**TIME SERVED + LEARNING OUTCOMES + EXAMS**

## Websites you might find helpful

- PHORCAST – public health careers  
[www.phorcast.org.uk](http://www.phorcast.org.uk)
- Faculty of Public Health – application process and training programme  
[www.fph.org.uk](http://www.fph.org.uk)

ANY QUESTIONS?

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