

Appendix A - Core Public Health Competency Areas

Use of public health intelligence to survey and assess a population's health and wellbeing

To be able to synthesise data into information about the surveillance or assessment of a population's health and wellbeing from multiple sources that can be communicated clearly and inform action planning to improve population health outcomes.

Assessing the evidence of effectiveness of interventions, programmes and services intended to improve the health or wellbeing of individuals or populations

To be able to use a range of resources to generate and communicate appropriately evidenced and informed recommendations for improving population health across operational and strategic health and care settings.

Policy and strategy development and implementation

To be able to influence and contribute to the development of policy as well as lead the development and implementation of a strategy.

Strategic leadership and collaborative working for health

To use a range of effective strategic leadership, organisational and management skills, in a variety of complex public health situations and contexts, dealing effectively with uncertainty and the unexpected to achieve public health goals.

Health Improvement, Determinants of Health and Health Communications

To influence and act on the broad determinants and behaviours influencing health at a system, community and individual level.

Health Protection

To identify, assess and communicate risks associated with hazards relevant to health protection, and to lead and co-ordinate the appropriate public health response.

Health and Care Public Health

To be able to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, safety, reliability, responsiveness and equity of health and care services through applying insights from multiple sources including formal research, health surveillance, needs analysis, service monitoring and evaluation.

Academic public health

To add an academic perspective to all public health work undertaken. Specifically, to be able to critically appraise evidence to inform policy and practice, identify evidence gaps with strategies to address these gaps, undertake research activities of a standard that is publishable in peer-reviewed journals, and demonstrate competence in teaching and learning across all areas of public health practice.

Professional, personal and ethical development

To be able to shape, pursue actively and evaluate your own personal and professional development, using insight into your own behaviours and attitudes and their impact to modify behaviour and to practise within the framework of the GMC's Good Medical Practice (as used for appraisal and revalidation for consultants in public health) and the UKPHR's Code of Conduct.

Integration and application of competencies for consultant practice

To be able to demonstrate the consistent use of sound judgment to select from a range of advanced public health expertise and skills, and to use them effectively, working at senior organisational levels, to deliver improved population health in complex and unpredictable environments.