

School for Public Health Research

SPHR launches innovative scheme to evaluate local public health initiatives

The Public Health Practice Evaluation Scheme (PHPES)

SPHR's goal is to produce high quality evidence needed by public health practice to improve the health of the population and help reduce health inequalities. To achieve this, the School must address the challenges faced by public health professionals working on the 'front line'.

To help respond to these challenges, we have set up the Public Health Practice Evaluation Scheme (PHPES). PHPES enables public health practitioners to work in partnership with the SPHR team on robust evaluations of innovative public health projects or initiatives they are delivering.

What PHPES offers

The scheme offers public health practitioners working in any sector an exciting opportunity to:

- Collaborate with leading population health scientists to evaluate your practice
- Gain national profile for your work
- Provide evidence on the cost-effectiveness of your work that others can use
- The possibility that your project or initiative will be replicated in other areas

What we're looking for

We welcome applications from people working across public health community; in the NHS, local authority, clinical commissioning groups, screening teams and third sector organisations.

Your project or initiative can be focused on **changing the environment** in which people live and work – natural, built, social, financial, regulatory and cultural, **promoting healthy individual behaviour or both**. We will also consider those aimed at **improving population health services**.

To be eligible for funding, your initiative should:

- aim to improve population health and / or reduce health inequalities
- have the potential to be of benefit in other parts of England
- have secure funding for the duration of the evaluation (normally around 2 years)

Your organisation will also need to be able to commit time and resources to contribute to the evaluation collaboration.

More information about PHPES, including details of how to apply, can be found on the School's website: <http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/in-partnership-with-practice/phpes/>

You can also approach an SPHR member for advice. A list of members is featured on the Who's Involved section of the website.

Notes:

About SPHR

The School for Public Health Research (SPHR) is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and was established in April 2012 with a budget of £20 million over five years.

SPHR is a partnership between the Universities of Sheffield, Bristol, Cambridge, UCL; The London School for Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; The Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry; the LiLaC collaboration between the Universities of Liverpool and Lancaster and Fuse; The Centre for Translational Research in Public Health, a collaboration between Newcastle, Durham, Northumbria, Sunderland and Teesside Universities. <http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/>

About the NIHR

The National Institute for Health Research provides the framework through which the research staff and research infrastructure of the NHS in England is positioned, maintained and managed as a national research facility. The NIHR provides the NHS with the support and infrastructure it needs to conduct first-class research funded by the Government and its partners alongside high-quality patient care, education and training. Its aim is to support outstanding individuals (both leaders and collaborators), working in world class facilities (both NHS and university), conducting leading edge research focused on the needs of patients. <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/>