

Thames Valley and Wessex Statement on Specialist Registration by Portfolio route

The **Specialist Registration by Portfolio** route to registration was formally opened on the 1st Sept 2018 by UKPHR. The purpose of this new route was to bring it in line with the Certificate of Eligibility of Specialist Registration (CESR) route (www.gmc-uk.org) ensuring there is equivalence to those working at a senior/PH specialist level who come from a background other than medicine, to gain a specialist registration.

To find out more about Specialist Registration by Portfolio visit:
www.ukphr.org/specialist-registration-by-portfolio-assessment/

The Thames Valley and Wessex Schools' of Public Health have explored the options to support a programme for Specialist Registration by Portfolio. The current understanding of the Thames Valley and Wessex Schools of Public Health is that this registration is based on the **retrospective evidence of prior work**, as provided to UKPHR. In addition it has been agreed that there are aspects of the portfolio assessment route that requires further refining and clarification, and therefore Thames Valley and Wessex will not be supporting a programme for Specialist Registration by Portfolio at this current time.

It should be noted that the Schools currently do not support a programme for registration via the CESR route. The Schools do recognise the value in having equivalent registration routes for both medics and those coming from a background other than medicine in Public Health. We will review this approach in Autumn 2019.