



## PHPES briefing note for Public Health England

### National Institute for Health Research School for Public Health Research (NIHR SPHR)<sup>1</sup>

SPHR's goal is to produce high quality evidence for public health practice to improve population health and reduce health inequalities. To achieve this, the School must address the challenges faced by public health practitioners working on the 'front line' - in the NHS, in local authority public health teams, in other local authority departments including social care, schools and transport and in the third sector. To help SPHR respond to these challenges we set up the **Public Health Practice Evaluation Scheme (PHPES)**.

### Public Health Practice Evaluation Scheme (PHPES)

In collaboration with Public Health England, a further round of SPHR's Public Health Practice Evaluation Scheme (PHPES) will open on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015**.

The scheme aims to help SPHR to produce high quality evidence needed by public health practice to improve the health of the population and reduce health inequalities. PHPES enables public health practitioners to work with members of SPHR on robust evaluations of innovative *local* public health projects or initiatives.

### 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 their practice
- Gain a national profile for their work
- Provide evidence on the cost-effectiveness of their work that others can use
- The possibility that their project or initiative will be replicated in other areas

### What we're looking for

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

The 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 support from SPHR, a project or initiative should:

- aim to improve population health and reduce health inequalities
- have the potential to be of benefit in other parts of England

Click on the link to view some of the evaluations the PHPES scheme has funded so far:

<http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/research/public-health-practice-evaluation/>

### How practitioners can apply

Further details including guidance for applicants, selection criteria and an application form will be available to download from the SPHR website from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. Practitioners interested in applying should visit <http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/phpes/> to find out more. The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2015.

### The selection process and involvement of SPHR and Public Health England

All potential applicants must gain support from a SPHR member before they submit an application. SPHR members will engage colleagues in their local PHE centre in identifying and assessing local public health projects and initiatives that could fit the following PHPES selection criteria:

- a. The lead applicant must be a local public health practitioner working in any sector in England regardless of their formal title.
- b. The project/initiative must:

- i. Fit with SPHR priorities i.e. local, have potential to improve health/reduce health inequalities; address a priority issue.
  - ii. Be innovative i.e. not have been the subject of a previous high quality evaluation.
  - iii. Have potential to be transferable to other areas
  - iv. Have secure funding throughout the duration of the evaluation (normally up to 2 years)
- c. Be supported by a SPHR member
- d. The organisation delivering the project/initiative must make a contribution in cash or kind to the evaluation, which will be largely funded by SPHR.

Following this assessment, applications which have the support of a SPHR member will be subject to a shortlisting process by the central PHPES selection panel. Public Health England will be represented on this panel.

Each SPHR member has a designated lead contact. They are responsible for assessing PHPES applications and liaising with PHE colleagues. These are:

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