

## The Uniqueness & Opportunities of the L6 PHP Apprenticeships - Part 1



Welcome to the second issue!

Starting with this issue, we will begin to explore the inherent potential this level 6 public health practitioner (L6 PHP) apprenticeship programme offers to our organisations and local communities.

Firstly, the L6 PHP apprenticeship programme embodies the core roles of protecting and improving health and wellbeing - building relationships and reducing inequalities.

The potential to build and or enrich relationships with key stakeholders within and without our local communities could happen through;

1. Employer steering group: where good mentorship practices and other related issues can be shared or learnt amongst colleagues.
2. Apprenticeship rotation: this can facilitate and support the embedding of public health influence and partnership working across the local system.

In essence, the L6 PHP apprenticeship program could be considered as 'the oil' for the health protection and health improvement machinery!

The next issue will look at how the apprenticeship programme has the potential to 'grow our own' public health professionals by widening access to public health careers.

### Useful Links

[EOI for Employers](#)

[EOI for Staff](#)

[PHP Apprenticeship Video](#)

[Implementation Guidance](#)

[Apprenticeships funding rules for employers](#)

[Employing an apprentice`](#)

### Proposed Timeline

## Latest News

### [Flexi-Job Apprenticeship: Reshaping the role of Apprenticeship Training Agencies](#)

A consultation is currently open seeking your views on the vision and operating framework for flexi-job apprenticeship schemes.

Contribution to this consultation could be useful in the future for rotation of the L6 PHP apprenticeship program.

[The consultation](#) is open until 1 June 2021

## Upcoming Events/ Actions

### [Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 | 10.30am – 12noon](#)

Employer Engagement Event to discuss our choice of a regional training provider and any other pressing issues regarding the implementation of the programme.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How was the content of the degree programme designed?

The Public Health Practitioner apprenticeship standard was written by a Trailblazer Group of employers to align to the [Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework](#) (PHSKF) and [UK Public Health Register](#) (UKPHR) practitioner standards. Universities delivering the standard are required to revalidate their undergraduate courses or develop new courses in order to meet the training requirements.

### What are the benefits of doing a national programme?

The Public Health Practitioner apprenticeship standard provides a national benchmark for knowledge, skills and behaviours required at practitioner level. On completion an apprentice is eligible to apply for UKPHR practitioner status without further evidence or completion of further training. A national programme with regional cohorts would allow for rotational placements around the public health system, enabling the apprentice to experience different sectors and gain knowledge and skills across the breadth of public health practice. This system approach would



enable manager-to-manager support, mentoring and peer-support across a region and more collaborative working.

## Who pays for what?

Apprentices are employees paid by their employer for the duration of their apprenticeship.

The training providers are paid with the apprenticeship levy, to cater for the off-the-job training.

The L6 PHP apprenticeship has been awarded a funding band of up to £20,000 that can be withdrawn from the levy for the delivery of both the degree programme and end point assessment. The employer caters for any training expense above this amount.

There is also available a government incentive of £3,000 for new hires of any age starting apprenticeship from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021. This incentive is NOT available to upskilling staff who joined your organisation after 1 August 2021, even if there they started apprenticeship at a latter date.

Find out more about the government incentive [here](#).

### Reference

- [Implementation Guidance \(pg 10-11\)](#)

[Yorkshire and Humber L6 PHP Apprenticeship Website](#)

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