Standards of proficiency for specialist community public health nurses (SCPHN)

Last Updated: 29/10/2026

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) are required to set standards of proficiency, education and training for nursing and midwifery professionals seeking to join our registers for the first time.

As part of this we review our standards regularly to ensure they continue to protect the public, are fit for purpose, and are necessary for safe, effective and kind care.

When we review any of our standards, including standards of proficiency for specialist community public health nurses (SCPHN) we take into account new evidence, the changes taking place in society and changes in health and care.

- Introduction
- Sphere of influence A: Autonomous specialist community public health nursing practice
- Sphere of Influence B: Transforming specialist community public health nursing practice
- Sphere of influence C: Promoting human rights and addressing inequalities:
- Sphere of influence D: Population health
- Sphere of influence E: Advancing public health services
- Sphere of influence F: Leading and collaborating
- Glossary