



Pilot WA Public Health Officer Training Program

The Pilot WA Public Health Officer Training Program (WAPHOTP) was launched by Dr Andrew Robertson, WA Chief Health Officer, at the WA Department of Health Theatre on Friday, 9 April 2021.

The Launch featured a series of eminent speakers and was attended by a wide-range of public health, academic and health service staff from across WA and Australia. For those who were unable to attend the launch, you can access [the recording here](#).



Public health trainees and staff at the program launch with Professors Mike Daube and Bruce Armstrong.

The program is made up of 12 full trainees, eight partial trainees and 13 Public Health Medicine Registrars.

Trainees are employed both locally and regionally across various health service providers including WA Country Health Service, WA Department of Health, Fiona Stanley Hospital and Health Support Services.

Over 30 senior public health practitioners are generously giving their time to mentor the trainees.



A typical learning activity with trainees online and in the Department of Health Theatre.

The WAPHOTP has commenced a series of Health Leader Speakers at each session outlining their career journey throughout the healthcare system.

Trainees have had the privilege of hearing the following speakers thus far

- Dr David Russell-Weisz – Director General, WA Health
- Mr Jeff Moffet, WACHS Chief Executive
- Ms Liz MacLeod, SMHS Chief Executive



Public health trainees and staff with WA Health Director General, Dr David Russell-Weisz

The pilot WAPHOTP is adapted from the NSW Health Public Health Training Program and Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine Advanced Training Curriculum.

The program comprises of a number of curriculum competencies, including:

- Professional Practice
- Management and Leadership
- Epidemiology
- Communicable Diseases
- Risk Assessment and Management (including Emergency Management)
- Policy
- Health Promotion and Prevention
- Evaluation and Evidence
- Cultural Competence and Aboriginal Health
- Health System Financing and Economics



Public health trainees at a learning activity on health promotion with Mr Matthew Armstrong, Hepatitis WA