

## Public Health Ethics

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Public health ethics is concerned with the concepts, values, aims, methods and arguments arising in all aspects of public health practice and policy. Many public health activities are distinct from those in clinical medicine. However, disputes arise over the legitimate limits to preventive action. In addition, many public health activities cannot be carried out by the individual, but require coordinated or collective activity. This means that any discussion of public health ethics must also involve a discussion of the role and limits of the state in protecting and promoting health. This module will cover a range of ethical issues that arise in: health protection, health surveillance, and monitoring, disease and injury prevention, population health assessment, health promotion, disaster response and global health

### Learning outcomes

By the end of the module you should be able to

1. Demonstrate understanding of, and be able to discuss critically, the key ethical issues in public health ethics
2. Demonstrate understanding of, and be able to discuss critically, ethical theory and principles relevant to public health ethics
3. Analyse, construct and critique arguments used in public health ethics
4. Critically analyse case studies, examples and methods used in ethical discussion of public health practice

### Credits

20 credits

### Module Attendance Required

1 block week of teaching

### Module Dates

19 to 23 January 2015

### Assessment

One written assignment

### Module Coordinators

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### Stand alone Course

This module can be taken as a standalone course. It can be assessed or non assessed. To apply, please contact the Programme Coordinator on 0121 414 7577 or at **[mph@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:mph@contacts.bham.ac.uk)** (**<mailto:mph@contacts.bham.ac.uk>**). All applications must be received a minimum of one month before the start date of the module. For further information on fees or entry requirements, please contact the Programme Administrator

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### Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Continuing professional development, module

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