



WIRRAL TRAINING LOCATION GUIDE



OLD MARKET HOUSE

Hamilton Street, Birkenhead, Wirral CH41 5FL



For your day to day work you will be based with the team at Old Market House.

Old Market House is situated within Birkenhead town centre, close to the beautiful and historic Hamilton Square, which is Birkenhead's commercial and administrative centre. Old Market House accommodates Wirral's Clinical Commissioning Group and several teams from across Wirral Council.

GETTING HERE

Old Market House is well located for travel across Cheshire and Merseyside and the North West with excellent road, and public transport links.

By Car

The building is immediately adjacent to the Queensway tunnel entrance providing quick vehicular access to Liverpool City Centre and onward to the M62. It is also located close to the A41 Dock Link Road to the M53 motorway providing convenient access to Chester, North Wales and Greater Manchester.

By Train

Birkenhead Hamilton Square, Birkenhead Central and Conway Park Mersey Rail Stations are within a five minute walk to Old Market House.

By Ferry

Woodside Birkenhead Ferry Terminal is an alternative, and convenient, 5 minute walk away from Old Market House.



WHY TRAIN IN WIRRAL?

Wirral is the second largest Council in the Liverpool City Region; bigger than many cities, including Newcastle, Derby and Nottingham. With a growing economy, Wirral is taking a lead role within the Liverpool City Region and is developing inventive approaches to growth and regeneration.

Wirral is currently a Labour controlled unitary authority with one Clinical Commissioning Group, 53 GP Practices, one Teaching Foundation Hospital Trust and one Community Foundation Trust. Commissioners across organisations are coming together to implement integrated approaches and providers are also organising themselves collaboratively which makes it easy to start conversations and exchange ideas. This is affording opportunities to experiment with new ways of working and to work directly with primary care, support the CCG, work with providers and engage with the community and voluntary sector to improve health and wellbeing outcomes. From April 2018 we will be operating as an Integrated Commissioning Team for the borough with our CCG and Adult Social Care colleagues.

Wirral has a strong voluntary, community and faith sector and partners are working together to develop a new approach to working with local people. The Public Health team takes a lead on this for the Wirral Partnership.

Inequalities in health, housing and economic activity are our biggest challenge. The contrasting social demographics of Wirral and the partnership arrangements provide opportunities for innovation.

Registrars are a key part of our team in Wirral and we usually host at least two each year.



■ ■ *Wirral has been a great place to start my training in public health. Being here has offered me the opportunity to work on projects across a broad spectrum of public health which is really beneficial in my first phase of training. This includes working on a range of projects, including maternal nutrition, the late diagnosis of HIV and problem gambling. My supervisor has been great at identifying pieces of work which are most relevant to competencies gained while in phase 1, as well as helping me to identify where I should focus my energies and develop my skills in public health. ■ ■*

Dr Rory McGill, Specialty Registrar ST2 (October 2017)

■ ■ *I came to Wirral in ST4 in order to gain commissioning experience and have been given an appropriate and well-defined project to meet my training needs. I have been given the opportunity to lead on the re-commissioning of two services, including the development of service specifications and commissioning policies. I have been encouraged and supported to use this opportunity to gain broader experience of community engagement, stakeholder workshops and pathway development. ■ ■*



Dr Anna Donaldson, Specialty Registrar ST4 (November 2017)

THE TEAM

Wirral has a large, dedicated team and also hosts the Cheshire and Merseyside Public Health Collaborative (ChaMPs). Our team comes from a variety of backgrounds, providing a wealth of experience and learning opportunities. The team includes a large intelligence team integrated with the Council and CCG intelligence teams, staff working with local communities, dedicated GP and practice nurse staff, as well as public health leads for key priorities.

Our Consultant team is made up of experienced consultants who have worked in Public Health for many years, including experience of working as a DPH, as well as recently qualified consultants who trained in the North West prior to CCT. There are currently two accredited Educational Supervisors within the team. Information on members of our Public Health Senior Leadership Team is below.



JULIE WEBSTER
Acting Director for Health and Wellbeing

Julie moved to Wirral in 2012 as Head of Public Health and is currently the Acting Director for Health and Wellbeing. Julie takes the lead on the Healthier Lives pledge in the Wirral Plan.

Julie's career in Public Health began in 1998 and she has worked for the NHS and local councils in Cheshire and Merseyside. She has a particular interest in the use of insight to develop public health interventions and is a strong advocate of social justice and the role of the citizen in local services. Julie is the DPH lead for work to tackle alcohol misuse and is involved in local research on the introduction of a minimum unit price for alcohol.



JANE HARVEY
Consultant in Public Health

Jane is the lead for Children/Young People, NHS Health Checks, Obesity and Hypertension. Jane started her career in Psychology and now has almost 20 years' experience in Public Health, including time spent as a Director of Public Health.



RACHAEL MUSGRAVE
Consultant in Public Health

Rachael works across the Wirral Partnership to influence the wider determinants of health. Rachael also has a corporate role leading the way in which the Council works with local communities, the voluntary and faith sector. Rachael is also responsible for health protection working with PHE, NHSE, key council teams and the CCG. Rachael trained in the North West on the Public Health training scheme and is Lead Trainer for Wirral.



DR ELSPETH ANWAR
Consultant in Public Health

Elspeth is the Health Care public health lead and works with NHS commissioners and providers to make sure that a population approach is undertaken and pathways and models of care are based on best available evidence. Elspeth is also working to embed prevention and self-care into patient care pathways and develop connections between the NHS and the community and voluntary sector to improve health outcomes. Elspeth is supporting the development of the Wirral Care Record an integrated digital care record that is under development which will contain patient health and social care information. Elspeth trained in the North West on the Public Health training scheme.



BEV MURRAY
Senior Manager Strategic Commissioning & Support

Bev is the Public Health lead for health and care intelligence and research including the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment; leading on the development of models and analytical methods, working closely with commissioners and providers across the Wirral system in delivering evidence-based decisions.



JULIE GRAHAM
Senior Public Health Manager Starting & Developing Well

Julie works on the children and young people's agenda (0-19 years) with partners at a strategic level to improve health and wellbeing from universal through to targeted services. Areas of interest include maternity, the healthy child programme, risk taking behaviour and implementing the Future in Mind strategy.



GARY RICKWOOD
Senior Public Health Manager Ageing Well

Gary takes a lead on Public Health Wirral's work addressing the health harms arising from alcohol and drug misuse. Gary has worked in this field for 30 years, as a service provider in both the NHS and the voluntary sector, and in later years as a commissioner and strategic officer, firstly in the Drug and Alcohol Action team, but now as part of Public Health. Gary is also involved with Public Health's commissioning of the Smoking Cessation service, and in the implementation of a wider smoking prevention programme. Gary works with other health and social care partners monitoring and developing Wirral's Urgent Care Provision. 'My training and background is not primarily in Public Health so I bring a different experience, perspective and knowledge set to the team.'



NIKKI JONES
Senior Public Health Manager Wider Determinants

Nikki has a lead role influencing how the wider determinants of health affect the local population's health and wellbeing. Having worked in public health for over ten years Nikki's focus has been on working with communities in the borough using an asset based approach to empower local communities, groups and organisations to work alongside Public Health to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in Wirral.

A SELECTION OF WORK BY OUR REGISTRARS IN 2016/17 AND 2017/18

Our Registrars placement work is competency led and responds to the individual needs of the Registrar. In later stages of training Registrars are expected to lead on complex areas of work. Below are examples of work that our Registrars have produced during their time in Wirral.

- Recommissioning of TB and Hep C public health services including pathway redesign, specification development and procurement oversight; working with a range of primary and secondary care providers, commissioners, as well as community and voluntary groups.
- Development of a successful bid to the Home Office's Local Alcohol Action Area initiative, which included; the completion of the PHE CLear audit on the status of the local system addressing alcohol misuse; investigation of the use of shared care records to improve patient outcomes.
- Production of the Director of Public Health Annual Report highlighting the inequalities in life expectancy across Wirral related to differences in avoidable mortality providing recommendations for the NHS and local people to improve health through public health interventions or better healthcare provision.
- Renew the JSNA Health Protection section covering a wide range of topics, related to environmental hazards, communicable disease and screening and immunisation, to inform the Wirral Health Protection Group priorities, strategy development and commissioning intentions.

- A Wirral wide audit of Pandemic Flu Plans providing recommendations for whole system, and individual organisation, improvement.
- Supervise the production of an outbreak report for an extensive scabies outbreak providing recommendations to embed learning and improve whole system response to outbreaks.
- An evidence review of the nutritional health of pre-conception stage and pregnant women and the potential impacts for their children. This initiated examination of existing local approaches to childhood obesity and was used to implement a number of new developments including variation to weaning and support for overweight and obese pregnant women. This work was also used by Public Health England to inform national policy.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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