**Northern Care Alliance – Training Prospectus**

1. **Introduction**

This prospectus outlines the specialist public health training opportunities available at the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust (NCA) and provides details of what specialty registrars (StRs) in public health can expect when considering an attachment. This prospectus should be read in conjunction with the Faculty of Public Health, Public Health Specialty Training [curriculum](https://www.fph.org.uk/media/3450/public-health-curriculum-v13.pdf) and Health Education North West Public Health [website](https://nwpgmd.nhs.uk/Specialty_Schools/Public_Health).

1. **About the Northern Care Alliance**

The [Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust](https://www.northerncarealliance.nhs.uk/about-us) (NCA) is a large trust, employing over 20,000 people. The trust delivers healthcare to over one million people across Salford, Oldham, Rochdale and Bury, as well as providing more specialist services to patients from Greater Manchester and beyond.

1. **Placement location**

The trust headquarters is at the Salford Royal Site (M6 8HD). Remote working is practical given the multi-site nature of the Trust though site visits will be required at times. Office space can be booked at Salford Royal or Oldham if onsite working is preferred.

1. **Placements available**
* Short-term project attachments may be available during training
* Long-term placement (up to 1 year or equivalent for those training less than full time)

Short term training placements could be offered at any stage of training, but it is recommended that registrars have completed diplomate and final membership examinations before undertaking a long-term placement.

1. **Competencies**

The possible learning outcomes which could be met or partially met with this placement are too numerous to list individually and cover all areas of the curriculum. There are however likely to be specific opportunities to fulfil competencies in the curriculum under:

* Key area 1 – surveillance and assessment of the population's health and well-being
* Key area 2 – assessing the evidence of effectiveness of health and healthcare interventions, programmes and services
* Key area 3 – policy and strategy development and implementation
* Key area 4 – strategic leadership and collaborative working for health
* Kay area 7 – health and care public health
* Key area 8 – academic public health
* Key area 10 – Integration and application of competences for consultant practice
1. **Training opportunities**

A programme of work will be developed tailored to the registrar’s development needs. Examples of potential areas of work are outlined below:

* Working with clinical services to understand and mitigate against healthcare inequalities
* Providing public health input to programmes of work such as clinical strategy development
* Wider workforce development around public health
* Pathway specific work on prevention and health inequalities
* Focus on wider determinants of health, e.g. collaborating with wider support services such as citizen’s advice, housing support, early help and how we can strengthen links with the Trust.

Where possible/relevant, StRs on attachment in NCA are given the opportunity to attend be the public health representative at senior meetings, undertake and deliver training and shadowing in clinical areas to understand the service.

1. **Supervision, Induction & Networks**

The NCA employs a consultant in public health (0.6wte), who will provide educational supervision for StRs on long term placements. StRs doing short-term projects will receive educational supervision from their substantive placement.

The progress of the StR will be monitored throughout the attachment via regular meetings with the consultant in public health (at least 1 hour per month).

When StRs start their placement, they will undergo an induction programme so that they can meet key people and find out what is happening across the organisation. During this time, along with their educational supervisor, they will identify opportunities to meet some of their public health training needs. This will be addressed using a learning agreement to outline projects, timeframes, outcomes and the date of the next review.

Although the core public health team in the NCA is small, there are existing networks for registrars to join to support them in this placement, including:

* Public health in providers network
* National network for registrars in provider placements
* NW Healthcare public health network
* NHS England public health in the NHS professional network
1. **Administration**

The StR will be provided with a laptop by NCA. Desk space can be booked at Trust locations on an adhoc basis. All StRs are able to access university libraries using their NHS ID. Usual HR arrangements for StRs will be in place during the attachment. No additional funding will be available for the attachment.

1. **Further information**

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