



NHS England and NHS Improvement (North West) Public Health Training Prospectus

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1.0 Introduction

This document outlines the specialist public health training opportunities available at NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) North West. This prospectus should be read in conjunction with the Faculty of Public Health, Public Health Specialty Training Curriculum 2015¹ and Health Education North West Public Health website²

2.0 Placements

Since April 1 2019, NHS England and NHS Improvement has aligned to operate as a single organisation.

NHS England and NHS Improvement North West exists to support healthcare commissioning and delivery and to provide professional leadership for finance, nursing, medical and specialised commissioning. We also play a key role in the assurance and delivery process of foundation trusts and NHS trusts, as well as independent providers that provide NHS-funded care. We offer the support these providers need to give patients consistently safe, high quality, compassionate care within local health systems that are financially sustainable.

We want everyone to have greater control of their health and their wellbeing, and to be supported to live longer, healthier lives by high quality health and care services that are compassionate, inclusive and constantly improving.

Registrars can undertake a placement at NHSEI North West for a period of three months to one year. Furthermore, short term project-based training may also be available.

The training opportunities available are of relevance to registrars planning a public health career including (but not limited to) those specifically pursuing a healthcare public health career. NHSEI North West placements are most suitable for those at ST3 training and above.

¹ <https://www.fph.org.uk/training-careers/specialty-training/curriculum/>

² https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/Specialty_Schools/Public_Health

3.0 Locations

The North West is one of seven NHSEI regions nationally. Registrars would be placed with the North West Healthcare Public Health Team.

NHSEI North West has offices based in Lancashire, Manchester, Liverpool and Chester and registrars will be formally attached to one office as their base. However, at the time of writing the NHSEI Healthcare Public Health Team members are currently working from home. In the longer term, NHSEI has a flexible working policy in place and the principles of this would apply to any registrars on placement with us.

Location details will be as follows:

Greater Manchester Office

3 Piccadilly Place
London Road
Manchester
M1 3BN

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Email: GM.HSCinfo@nhs.net

Lancashire Office – TBC

Cheshire and Merseyside Offices

Regatta Place
Summers Road
Brunswick Business Park
Liverpool
Merseyside
L3 4BL

Tel: 0151 285 4777

1829 Building
Countess of Chester Health Park

Liverpool Road
Chester
CH2 1HJ

Tel: 01244 650300 (1829 Switchboard)

4.0 Healthcare Public Health in NHSEI North West

Healthcare Public Health (HCPH) is one of the three core domains of specialist and specialised public health practice (along with health protection and health improvement). It is concerned with maximising the population benefits of healthcare while meeting the needs of individuals and groups through prioritising available resources, preventing both disease and its complications, and by improving health-related outcomes through design, access, utilisation and evaluation of effective and efficient healthcare interventions and pathways of treatment and care. It is also a key partnership specialty in improving health service quality and clinical governance.

In the Northwest HCPH Team, when we refer to Healthcare Public Health, we are also referring to the Health and Social Care System. The two systems are intertwined. A significant proportion of our population will require the support and care of both.

Previous Public Health England (PHE) functions which support delivery of NHS services transferred to NHS England/NHS Improvement (NHSEI) on 1 October 2021. These included:

- Screening and Immunisation Commissioning Support and Expert Advice
- Specialised commissioning
- Specialist public healthcare advice
- Public health dental services
- Health and justice
- Regional system leadership for these services

The North West Regional Director of Public Health is jointly appointed by and accountable to NHSEI and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), Department of Health and Social Care.

Generalist Public Health, including Specialist Public Healthcare Advice, Dental Public Health, Health and Justice (Public Health in secure settings) and the Regional system leadership for these services, transferred to the newly established Directorate of the Regional Director of Public Health and are led by the Deputy Director of Healthcare Public Health.

The Team maintains close working relationships with both OHID and the newly formed UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) as well as other external partners such as local authorities, academic institutions, NHS commissioners and providers and other NHS organisations and teams including Academic Health Science Networks and the North West Clinical Senate.

5.0 Training opportunities

There are opportunities to address all nine domains highlighted in the current curriculum during the placement:

- surveillance and assessment of the population's health and well-being
- assessing the evidence of effectiveness of health and healthcare interventions, programmes and services
- policy and strategy development and implementation
- strategic leadership and collaborative working for health
- health and wellbeing
- health protection
- health and social service quality
- public health intelligence
- academic public health

StRs are given the opportunity to attend weekly team meetings, topic or setting-specific meetings and to present to the Office of the Regional Director's Senior Leadership Team. There are further opportunities to attend and contribute to regional NHSEI meetings. Participation in formal learning opportunities such as local, regional and national training and sufficient time to complete other registrar courses and exams is given.

There are additional opportunities to become involved in teaching, research and evaluation as well as regional and national projects.

6.0 Supervision and Induction

Each StR will have an educational supervisor. There are three accredited educational supervisors within the team:

- Charlotte Simpson: Charlotte.Simpson@phe.gov.uk
- Gunjit Bandesha: Gunjit.Bandesha@phe.gov.uk
- Rachael Gosling: Rachael.Gosling@phe.gov.uk

The educational supervisor keeps an overview of a registrar's training needs throughout the time on the placement. Due to the varied nature of the work, other trainers will be available as project supervisors, and people who are not accredited trainers or from professional groups outside of public health may also help deliver specific training in areas where they have expertise (in agreement with the educational supervisor).

The registrar's work programme will be tailored to be appropriate to the registrar's learning needs including their stage of training.

The progress of the StR will be monitored throughout the placement via regular meetings with the educational and/or project supervisor.

When StRs start their placement at NHSEI they will undergo an induction programme for two to three weeks so that they can meet key people and find out what is happening. 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.

7.0 Administration

The StR will have use of a desk, telephone and computer. Some business administration support may be provided if required, linked to relevant case or project work. Computer software includes Microsoft Office and other packages as appropriate. Microsoft Teams and Skype facilities are available and are well used.

Usual HR arrangements for StRs will be in place during the attachment. No additional funding will be available for the attachment.

8.0 Type of Work

Healthcare Public Health Team members lead public health work on specific topics including cardiovascular disease and diabetes, respiratory disease, cancer, maternity and children and young people, oral health, long COVID, quality and learning disabilities, NHS Net Zero/sustainability as well as anchor institutions. In addition, named leads work closely with other teams in NHSEI e.g., Nursing, Strategy and Transformation, Performance and Improvement, Commissioning and People. In addition, team members also work with named Integrated Care Systems in the North West.

The healthcare public health team also encompasses the health and justice agenda which provides opportunities for working closely with the prison health service. The scope of the work in health and justice covers all three dimensions of public health, i.e. health protection, health and wellbeing and healthcare public health. The Healthcare Public Health Team has a key role in providing expert public health advice, guidance and support tools to Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and NHSEI in its commissioning of services for those in contact with the criminal justice system.

In addition, the dental public health team is the principal provider of dental public health expertise and advice in the North West. StRs may wish to undertake specific projects with the dental public team. In most projects, they would be expected to work closely with local dental professionals and commissioners, particularly NHS England. The dental public health team also train StRs in dental public health; this is different from the training that StRs in public health would receive and is not covered in this prospectus.

Although other healthcare public health functions are located within the Commissioning Directorate of NHSEI there may be opportunities for project-based work with these teams on a case-by-case basis. For example, the Screening and Immunisation Team are responsible for providing expert advice and leadership to Section 7a services commissioned by NHS England. These include the national cancer screening programmes (breast, bowel and cervical), antenatal and newborn screening programmes, diabetic eye screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening programme, and immunisation programmes (except travel).

Furthermore, colleagues offer professional public health clinical expertise to support the commissioning of specialised services by NHSEI. Registrars can gain training and experience with the screening and decision-making regarding individual funding requests (IFRs) as well as specific projects regarding specialised services.

Registrars will have the opportunity to work closely with the regional OHID team including colleagues within the Health and Wellbeing Team and the Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service.

Examples of previous projects registrars have led, supported and participated in include:

- Integrated Care System programme to reduce the environmental impact of inhalers
- Acute respiratory illness care home resource pack, testing standard operating procedure and webinar
- National Individual Funding Request (IFR) screening training and panel
- Review of regional mortality and development of accompanying narrative
- Planning of inequalities workshop for PHE teams in transition
- Review of inequalities in maternity care
- Smoke free prisons audit
- Adult psychiatry public health training day
- Development and evaluation of a healthy weight programme in an adult secure MH setting
- Making Every Contact Count approach to smoking in an acute setting
- Insight work on Making Every Contact Count with senior healthcare leaders
- Bowel cancer screening evaluation in prisons
- Sub-regional eye health needs assessment
- Health Equity Assessment Tool workshop and plans for long COVID services

9.0 Further information

For an informal conversation about potential placements, please contact Charlotte Simpson (Charlotte.Simpson@phe.gov.uk)