**Placement at the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)**

**2025/26**

**Summary Information**

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| Job Title | Specialty Registrar in Public Health |
| Proposed Interview Date | Flexible |
| Start Date | Flexible – from spring/summer 2025 |
| Terms of Appointment | Six to 12 months |
| Working Arrangement | Full-time or part-time |
| Location | London/Manchester/Remote |

**Placement Description**

NICE seeks highly motivated Public Health Specialty Registrars to undertake placements of at least six months. Registrars should usually be ST3 or above and have successfully completed their membership exams. As a national organisation and one of the Nationally Available Training Placements, NICE welcomes applications from registrars throughout the U.K.

**Background**

NICE's core purpose is to help practitioners and commissioners get the best care to patients, fast, while ensuring value for the taxpayer. We do this by:

* Producing useful and usable guidance for health and care practitioners
* Providing rigorous, independent assessment of complex evidence for new health technologies
* Developing recommendations that focus on what matters most and drive innovation into the hands of health and care practitioners
* Encouraging the uptake of best practice to improve outcomes for everyone.

A placement with NICE would be particularly useful to registrars who are interested in guideline development; health technology appraisal; research interpretation and synthesis; health and care service quality; health, public health and social care policy and planning.

**Opportunities afforded by the placement**

Diverse projects are possible across the organisation and can be tailored based on competencies to be achieved, the registrar’s interests and the current work programme at NICE.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to develop a range of public health skills at NICE. They will gain an in depth understanding of NICE, its governance, accountability, and prioritisation structures. They will have opportunities to work with a range of partners across the health and care system and develop leadership skills. Work on offer is likely to include:

* Presentation at a high-level within the organisation, for example at the Prioritisation Board, Executive Team and the NICE Clinical Network.
* Strategic thinking and strategy development
* Multi-disciplinary team working and communication skills – including Chairing working groups.

Registrars may also be interested in work related to a [Global Health Special Project](https://www.fph.org.uk/training-careers/specialty-training/training-placements/fph-projects-scheme/) which is hosted by NICE in collaboration with the Faculty of Public Health Africa Special Interest Group. This opportunity is made up of two elements:

* Leading on work to meet NICE International objectives through scoping, needs assessment and planning projects, and
* Leading on strategic development of a mentoring and training programme for public health staff capacity development in Low to Middle Income Countries with the [Peoples-Praxis](https://www.peoples-praxis.org/about/) initiative.

Examples of recent project work undertaken by registrars include:

* Development of a set of strategic principles, with stakeholder input, to guide how NICE prioritises the development/updates of public health and social care guidance.
* Development of a paper for the executive team proposing an approach to aspects of health inequalities work
* Supporting the development of NICE’s patient safety role, including drafting responses to Regulation 28 Reports to Prevent Future Deaths.
* Supporting the development of a smoking cessation early value assessment proposal and presenting the proposal at the Prioritisation Board.
* Leading a study auditing the implementation of Interventional Procedures given special arrangements recommendations in NICE guidance.
* Development of an options appraisal, with internal and external stakeholder input, for an update of the multi morbidity guideline.
* Presenting a guideline update / early value assessment to the NICE Prioritisation Board
* Writing journal articles on NICE guidance / studies undertaken at NICE / position pieces for NICE.
* Presenting work and studies at the NICE Clinical Network or other internal and external meetings

**Summary of Training Facilities**

NICE has two office bases in London or Manchester, but registrars will have the opportunity to work flexibly and remotely. Placements encourage a combination of remote working, with regular visits to (one of) our offices to build relationships and develop an understanding of the complex organisation that NICE is. This is particularly important for placements of under 9 months. Some attendance in one of the office bases is expected and the requirement on NICE staff is that they should spend 40% of their time in the office.

Registrar’s will be hosted within the NICE Clinical Directorate, under the leadership of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Professor Jonathan Benger. The Registrar will have a dedicated NICE Educational supervisor and additional NICE project supervisors (dependent on the nature of the work). Registrars will work alongside a number of other speciality Fellows and Registrars, including the Clinical Fellow from the National Medical Director’s Clinical Fellow scheme.

Regular supervision, networking, peer support and CPD opportunities will be available, via participation in the NICE Clinical Network, Registrars and Fellows meetings and supervisor’s meetings. Twice monthly leadership development sessions with the NICE CMO provide an opportunity for registrars and fellows to discuss a topic of interest, examples include leadership styles, change management, health and care system functional challenges, interview tips, the role of public health within NICE. There will also be opportunities to attend courses and seminars both at NICE and elsewhere.

NICE laptops are available for registrars. Access to the NICE intranet, the library, NICE policies, and other publications will also be provided.

**How to Apply**

For further information about the post please contact one of NICE’s educational

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