

Placement Profiles

Birmingham City Council

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Please use this section provide ide information on the - Training opportunities - How long are placements generally for? - Will it be in person/remote working or both? - How would the placement accommodate LTFT trainees? - How might the placement lead to further work / career opportunities?	Birmingham is one of the youngest and most ethnic and culturally diverse cities in Europe with significant inequalities amidst a city that is rapidly evolving on a global stage. The City Council is the largest unitary authority in the UK and provides a unique training placement opportunity in a fast paced and dynamic public health team working at a strategic level across the city partnership. The city has just hosted the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, which had a strong focus on regeneration and rejuvenation. Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Creating a Bolder, Healthier City, supports this approach and sets out a clear vision for a better future for all our citizens in a city that enables and supports healthier happier lives. This is mirrored in our ICS statement of intent and the close collaboration across the City partnerships to impact and improve lives in Birmingham. Public Health in Birmingham has gained national and international recognition for its work. Trainees who join the team have opportunities to work on highly visible and influential programmes. Because of the scale and complexity of the city, placements are better suited to trainees in a later phase of training. There is ample opportunity to develop higher level skills in preparation for transition to consultant employment. The Public Health Division is part of the Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate led by the Director of Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships and the Director of Public Health. The Public Health Division has four core sub-divisions led by Assistant Directors of Public Health: Lifecourse sub-division, Health Behaviours and Communities sub- division, Knowledge and Evidence sub-

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	division and the Environmental Public Health and Health Protection sub-division. There are a wide range of project opportunities for trainees including working on needs assessments and community profiles, or developing campaigns to promote physical activity, shaping and co-creating partnership strategies to tackle infant mortality, or working with our partners in planning and inclusive growth to embed the learning from the Future Parks Accelerator and shape the future of the city with the Healthy City Planning toolkit, or working with our global partnerships such as the Global Cities Pledge on Food Justice or the Fast Track Cities Plus initiative. As a public health division, we are focused on putting citizen voice at the centre of everything we do and we are keen that trainees experience this through participating in community engagement work and collaboration with our voluntary, community and faith sector partners. We have the Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR) and the Birmingham Poverty Truth Commission which are both innovative new approaches to collaborating with citizens to tackle entrenched inequalities and find sustainable approaches. We also have nine universities in the city so there are opportunities for academic collaboration as well several hundred schools and college settings. Scale is part of the challenge and the opportunity of Birmingham and provides an opportunity for trainees to really get to grips with scale and size when it comes to impacting on citizens lives. We work closely with NHS partners, including Birmingham and Solihull ICS and seven large NHS trusts, so provide great opportunity for trainees with a more clinical public health focus to work on as the local Healthcare landscape changes. We have several Educational Supervisors and Project Supervisors in the team and we are keen to work with trainees to shape a trainee experience that stretches and develops them in a supportive environment. Our office is located a 10-minute walk from New Street train station, with
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	great transport links to the West Midlands and London. The division is able to accommodate shorter term placements and LTFT trainees. We operate flexible working hours and support hybrid working, helping you to plan your working day around traffic, transport schedules and childcare needs. So come and join us and let's make a difference! https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/
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Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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	smoke free sites, creating new antenatal care pathways, and addressing health inequalities between staff groups. As a small public health unit, you'll be expected to work with a degree of independence, bringing your own skillset and interests to the team. You'll also support regular unit activities, such as producing monthly health promotion updates and developing new teaching modules. The placement includes shadowing of senior executives and attendance at the range of governance and leadership committees that support an NHS Trust to deliver its responsibilities. Combined with regular opportunities for case-based discussions and reflective practice, we aim to support you as you develop your approach to leadership and influence, whilst also ensuring we review and consolidate necessary technical skills. Because of the small size of the team, we can flex projects to meet particular competencies, and it provides a good environment for trainees in later years to demonstrate their capabilities at KA10. The placement is particularly suited to those who may be looking at healthcare public health, ICS or similar types of future career paths, or who have academic interests related to the work of the Trust. The current model of working is hybrid, with opportunity for some home working. You will have your own office desk at Birmingham Children's Hospital, within easy reach of public transport hubs, and with good quality cycle parking and changing facilities. The Trust does not provide on site car parking. https://bwc.nhs.uk/
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	How might the placement lead to further work / career opportunities? Very wide opportunities to hone experience towards the chosen career pathway, including having first hand experience of leadership within the NIHR HDRC research field
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Dudley Council

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	All have been trained as educational supervisors and lead on different stages of the life course. We have a particular interest in health protection and work closely with our NHS partners and environmental health colleagues to improve population resilience against communicable diseases. We welcome a wide range of trainees, ranging from apprentice and work experience level, through FY1 taster days, FY2 and GP trainee rotations, sexual health registrars on placement, through to specialist trainees at any stage of training and trainees in shared academic placements. Trainees generally come for up to two years, and we can accommodate both full time and less than full time trainees equally. We believe Dudley is a thoroughly rewarding place to work with rich opportunities to improve health and wider determinants of health through strong engagement with local communities and services.
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Herefordshire Council

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	Learning in a rural Council is a unique experience which is great experience for anyone who wants to pursue a career in local government, and which affords the opportunity to develop an expertise in understand the particular challenges of rural inequalities which are often hard to see and harder to tackle.
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Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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	public health work as Dr Iqbal is on the FPH Global Health Committee. The Trust has a PHM resource which is experienced in predictive modelling. It has also an excellent infection control function. The experience is essentially Health Care Public Health and contributing to ICS strategy at a senior level within the system. Previous trainees have led or contributed to: - Development of a Trust wide Health and Wellbeing Strategy including how the Trust can contribute to reducing health inequalities. - Predictive modelling for impact of pandemic on mental health and long covid (presented nationally and published) - Large scale evaluation of a hospital admission avoidance service (being prepared for publication) - Development of a digital prevention offer for 50,000 patients with mild frailty across the ICS - Healthy ageing and promotion of physical activity through asset based approaches - Needs assessment and evidence reviews on a variety of issues including sexual health - Development of an outcomes framework and evaluation of services for moderate frailty population of 30,000 The placements tend to last for one year but this is flexible.
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Sandwell MBC

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	Finally, we can assist registrars in their exam preparation, in particular with an educational supervisor who was previously the Pa A tutorial lead and Deputy Director of the MPH at the University of Birmingham and who is also co-author of the only Part B preparation book. https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/
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Shropshire Council

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Walsall Council

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	All our ST5 registrars have been given the opportunity to act up as consultants during their rotation in Walsall. This has included managing budgets and staff. Our ST5 registrars have secured consultant jobs straight from the rotation. Arrangements for LTFT registrars are flexible and we ensure that internal training forum meetings and wider Black Country Training Network events are scheduled on rotating days to support different working patterns. We have excellent feedback from registrars at the end of their rotations.
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Warwickshire County council

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	Allowance or Universal Credit, receiving food parcels, missing cancer screenings, experiencing anxiety and exhibiting self-harming behaviours amongst those with pre-existing mental health conditions. Our current top three priorities in Public Health are: to help children and young people have the best start in life, to help people improve their mental health and wellbeing, and to reduce inequalities in health outcomes and wider determinants of health. Therefore, there are many ways in which you can make a difference to the health and wellbeing of the people in Warwickshire. Due to our strong partnership working there are many opportunities within a placement at Warwickshire County Council. Three of our Consultant posts are joint with Coventry & Warwickshire ICB (Integrated Care Board), another consultant is dually appointed with South Warwickshire Foundation Trust, providing direct opportunities to gain healthcare public health experience. One of our Consultants in joint appointment with HEE and is the Public Health Training Programme Director for West Midlands. You will also have opportunities to work with social care colleagues, our communities teams, and many more. You could also be involved with one of our many exciting health improvement programmes, health protection work that is currently COVID-19 focused but also encompasses areas such as air quality and academic work with Coventry University. Warwickshire County Council is well experienced in having trainees and will take the time to go through your ePortfolio and mutually agree projects that meet your training needs and interests. We are a very friendly and vibrant growing team who greatly value our trainees, both amongst the consultant body and wider team. We are currently working from home due to the pandemic, but in usual working circumstances there is flexibility to work from home. Our offices are in the heart of the beautiful market town of Warwick and we have superb links to the rest of the country through proximity to our growing rail network and national motorway network. We would warmly welcome you to join us at Warwickshire County Council School for Primary, Community, and Social Care & Medical School, Keele University The newly named School of Primary, Community and Social Care is a research-intensive school focussed on the prevention
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	and management of the major non-communicable diseases responsible for disability burden in populations, with an emphasis on musculoskeletal health, mental health, and cardiovascular health. In the last Research Excellence Framework (REF2014) we were ranked 6th of 32 institutions for research in Public Health, Health Services, and Primary Care. We are a member of the NIHR School for Primary Care Research (the only institution in the Midlands belonging to any of the 3 NIHR Schools for Research). We are Versus Arthritis's Centre of Excellence in Primary Care, have specific expertise in prognosis and prediction modelling via our Centre for Prognosis Research, and have close links with the nationally accredited Keele Clinical Trials Unit, and links to the cross-faculty Impact Accelerator Unit, Keele Institute for Social Inclusion (KISI) and Global Health Research Programme. We attract ambitious, motivated applied researchers from a wide range of backgrounds who share a commitment to academic rigour and translation of research into practice for the benefit of patients and populations. The 100+FTE staff include epidemiologists, biostatisticians, general practitioners, rheumatologists, and allied health professionals, who contribute to a friendly, collegiate working environment based in a purpose-built wing of the David Weatherall Building adjoining Keele Medical School on Keele campus. Staff and postgraduate students are actively encouraged to contribute to teaching on the MBChB Medicine and to supervise short research project placements and intercalated MPhils. The School of Primary, Community and Social Care holds an Academic Contract with Public Health England, providing expert advice and research against priority areas of musculoskeletal health and health inequalities, work and musculoskeletal health, primary care data and prescribing, musculoskeletal and mental health comorbidity, and healthy ageing. Our epidemiologic research draws on a combination of population surveys with individual consent to linkage to anonymised electronic health record data, Clinical Practice Research Datalink (nationally representative primary care data covering approximately 4.5m population), and CiPCA databases (covering approx. 120,000 local residents in North Staffordshire from 2000-present), and other secondary data sources (e.g. government-sponsored surveys and longitudinal studies). This placement will be suitable for a Specialist Registrar (StR) in
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	Phase 2 of the training (post Part A MFPH) wishing to develop a defined interest which may require concurrent extended experience in a specific key area (e.g., health protection, health improvement, healthcare, academic public health). Phase 2 learning outcomes can be developed in this placement setting. This registrar selected components will allow an individual to develop specific competence for defined practice or promote their generalist skills thus enhancing their particular career aims. The placement offers an opportunity to explore undertaking further academic training (courses & MPhil) & National Institute of Health Research as well.
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	services) and Place Based Partnership (One Wolverhampton), helping you gain specialised healthcare public health and Population Health Management experience, plus excellent links to the University of Wolverhampton, with the main campus at our doorstep to support your academic development. Our department is based in the Civic Centre in the heart of the city, where there is a range of shopping facilities and good transport links via tram, bus and train that connect us directly with Birmingham. We are flexible with working hours and currently operate a hybrid home/office working model, with most team members attending the office for occasional meetings or at least one day per week depending on preferences and need. https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/
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	local systems and this will help all registrars develop their strategic leaderships skills. Whilst our work has been very much focused on the pandemic response of late, this has enabled us to develop new relationships and better understand our stakeholders and partners. We are therefore now in a good position to offer varied and interesting placements to registrars. We work in hybrid way with 1-2 days in a week in the office. We are used to accommodating LTFT trainees. The mandatory placement will prepare registrars to undertake out of hours on-call duties and gives a basic understanding of health protection, the senior placement will support registrars develop their ability to work across the system, apply appropriate styles of leadership to different situations and prepare them to work as Consultants in Health Protection or in wider public health roles.
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Placement profile Please use this section provide ide information on the - Training opportunities - How long are placements generally for? - Will it be in person/remote working or both? - How would the placement accommodate LTFT trainees?	The Field Service (FS) Midlands Team offers a placement for registrars with opportunities not available in other training locations. We have extensive experience of successfully tailoring placements to individual need (including LTFT registrars); ranging from future consultant epidemiologists or Consultants in Health Protection to those with diverse interests such as data science or academia. FS teams have had extensive involvement during the COVID-19 pandemic; ranging from supporting local outbreaks and epidemiology to contributing to surveillance and were also integral to planning of the Commonwealth Games. There is a concentration of epidemiological expertise across the Midlands; with national consultant and scientist leads in antimicrobial resistance, legionnaires disease and incident response.

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- How might the placement lead to further work / career opportunities?	We work as one team across the Midlands offering epidemiological into both West and East Midlands Health Protection Teams. This creates an environment rich in opportunity for registrars to become involved in all aspects of epidemiology and gain hands on experience of providing epidemiological input to outbreak investigation, surveillance projects and research. We recommend that placements should be a minimum of 6 months. We are currently working in a hybrid way with full-time members of the team encouraged to spend one day per week in either our Birmingham or Nottingham office. This will increase to two days per week (pro-rata for those who work less than full time). If you are interested in undertaking a placement or project with us in Field Services please contact carol.chatt@ukhsa.gov.uk and FSMidlands@ukhsa.gov.uk If you are simply interested in learning more about the FS please contact us to discuss as it may be that a placement is not the most suitable arrangement and we'd be happy to explore other options including shadowing, an introductory session or a project.
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OHID Midlands (West)

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Placement profile Please use this section provide ide information on the - Training opportunities - How long are placements generally for? - Will it be in person/remote working or both? - How would the placement accommodate LTFT trainees?	The Midlands has a total population of 10.9 million people, it is an ethnically diverse region, with ethnic minorities making up almost half the population in certain areas. It is the largest region in England and continues to grow. When compared to England, deprivation is higher in the Midlands with inequalities particularly high among urban, industrial, rural, and coastal communities. The Health and Care system and local government landscape is complex. There are 24 Upper Tier (County & Unitary) Local Authorities (UTLA's); 65 Local Authority Districts (LAD) and 11 Integrated Care System areas. The West Midlands Combined Authority covers 19 local authorities and 3 LEP areas. Derbyshire, Derby, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) have recently signed a devolution agreement. Training Opportunities A wide range of training opportunities are available for trainees at all phases of training with the placement particularly suitable for post Part B trainees to experience more autonomous working and

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- How might the placement lead to further work / career opportunities?	leadership practice across a wide range of health Improvement areas: - Life course - Early years, CYP, Older adults - Working age adults - Behaviour Change - Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs, Sexual Health, Healthy Weight/ diet - Partnership working - NHS Midlands and the Long-Term Plan - Wider determinants - Inclusive sustainable economies, West Midlands Combined Authorities and other devolution areas. Levelling Up. - Violence Reduction (VR) (3 VR Units across the Midlands) - Asset based community development - Cross cutting - Public Mental Health and Wellbeing - Health Equity and Health Inequalities - Devolution Competencies – the placement can provide experience of a wide range of competencies for example: • Policy and strategy and evidence development, translation and implementation • Strategic leadership and collaborative working for health • Health promotion and determinants of health • Use of public health intelligence to survey and assess a population's health and wellbeing • Assessing the evidence of effectiveness of interventions, programmes and services intended to improve health or wellbeing of individuals or populations • Professional personal and ethical development • Integration and application of competences for consultant practice • Importantly you are very much part of our team and integral to our corporate business/delivery/quality improvement work Recommended placement length is for minimum of 4 months, preferable for 6 – 12months. Shorter placements can be negotiated for specific purposes. Ways of working – Trainees will be provided with all the necessary equipment to work remotely and in the offices. All Trainees will be expected to comply with DHSC policy which
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	requires staff to work in the office/stakeholder base at least 8 days a month. We welcome less than full time trainees and support a wide range of flexible working arrangements. How might the placement lead to further work / career opportunities? The placement provides an excellent opportunity to see how the whole public health system works. There are opportunities to link into and undertake joint projects with national OHID team, local public health teams, NHS Midlands, WMCA and other areas bidding for devolution deals. For post Part B Trainees, the opportunity for autonomous practice working with a range of stakeholders provides a vital bridge to independent public health practice as a Consultant in Public Health.
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NHS Midlands (Strategic Health Care Public Health and Specialised Commissioning)

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Placement profile Please use this section to provide information on the - Training opportunities - How long are placements generally for? - Will it be in person/remote working or both? - How would the placement accommodate LTFT trainees? - How might the placement lead to further work / career opportunities?	Placements in NHS Midlands are particularly useful for those wishing to develop their skills in healthcare public health (HCPH) - maximising the population benefits of healthcare, reducing health inequalities and meeting the needs of individuals and groups by prioritizing available resources, preventing diseases and improving health related outcomes through the design, access, utilisation and evaluation of effective and efficient health care interventions, settings and pathways of care. Training opportunities in HCPH in NHS Midlands exist in Strategic Healthcare Public Health and Specialised Commissioning as well as project work with the Health and Justice team. NHS Midlands covers all of the East and West Midlands. Placements will join the Midlands Healthcare Public Health Team. Registrars from both East and West Midlands do placements with NHS Midlands. All Educational

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	Supervisors also link with a national NHS England Educational Supervisor Network. All training attachments are likely to have an aspect of work on health inequalities and will involve interaction with different parts of the NHS both regionally and nationally as well as OHID. The work involves direct engagement with service providers and users and other healthcare commissioners across the region. More specifically, placements cover the following areas: • Strategic Healthcare Public Health: This area of work is highly variable. It works mainly with the parts of NHS Midlands dealing with broad health care programmes such as the Cancer Alliance and the Children and Young People's Board. It also has aspects such as working with the Clinical Senate and the Academic Health Science Networks. • Specialised Commissioning: The work has both national and regional dimensions. Regionally, work is mainly around service review and development and the assessment of health inequalities. Nationally, work involves engagement with the national Clinical Reference Groups and Programme of Care Boards on service evaluation and redesign and also involvement in the assessment of individual funding requests. Ways of working Work patterns are hybrid with the main office base being 23 Stephenson St, Birmingham B2 4BH. It is expected that hybrid working will be the usual way of working in the future and no posts will be entirely office based. Attachments tend to be six months or longer and are usually done after sitting the Diplomat exam. Attachments can be full or part time.
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