SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE
TRAINING IN HEALTH EDUCATION ENGLAND - WESSEX

This is a 4 year training programme in Public Health Training at ST1. The specialty training is a comprehensive programme of multidisciplinary education and training in public health, open to people from medical and other backgrounds. Details of essential competences and qualifications are detailed in the national person specification for Public Health Training at ST1 which is available from: http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/ Progression is subject to satisfactory outcome at your Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP).

The training programme lasts four years. An additional year on an academic Masters course is funded for those who need it to provide the theoretical base for public health. The course used is likely to be undertaken at the University of Southampton. This is undertaken at the beginning of training and will help the registrar to pass the Part A exam of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine.

The programme is based mainly in Local Authorities within Wessex where initial experience will be gained. This will enable the registrar to address all the work based learning outcomes that the Faculty of Public Health has identified in the FPH curriculum. The aim is to have covered satisfactorily all the learning outcomes by the end of training.

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Later on in training other locations relevant to training include:

Public Health England including Health Protection and On Call: A three month placement with the Wessex Public Health England Centre (Health Protection Team) is arranged early after finishing the MSc in Public Health. After this registrars are normally expected to be part of the on-call rota for health protection across Wessex.

Academic Experience: Academic guidance and support is provided through the Academic Co-ordinator. Academic experience can be obtained at the University of Southampton in the Primary Care and Population Sciences Department and the more service orientated NIHR Evaluations, Trials and Studies Co-ordinating Centre (NETSCC).

Wider Experience: To gain wider experience, placements in other organisations (e.g. Public Health England Centre (London), Department of Health, or with an international placement). These need to fit with a work plan to meet learning outcomes and agreed with the educational supervisor and programme director. Sometimes support from the academic supervisor is also required as well as that of the Postgraduate Dean.

The Training Programme

By the end of training the registrar will need to have passed the Part A and Part B exams of the Faculty of Public Health and to have demonstrated competency in all the areas identified by the Faculty of Public Health as being necessary to be able to practise at a specialist level in public health. There are three-two phases of training. For more information, see the Faculty's curriculum 2015 for training.

Part A Exam: This is a knowledge based exam frequently taken soon after the end of the MSc in Public Health. Click here for Faculty information about Part A exam

Part B Exam: The Part B exam is an Observed Structured Public Health Exam (OSPHE) usually taken around 12 months after the Part A exam. It is comprised of six “stations” designed to simulate common situations in which public health specialists may find themselves. At each “station” registrars are provided with information that they need to assimilate in a short period of time and then communicate this in a way appropriate to the scenario in which they are placed. For more information, see the Faculty's information OSPHE exam.
Support and Roles during Training

**Educational Supervisor** - Each registrar will be allocated a trainer who will act as his / her educational supervisor overseeing his / her training. The registrar and educational supervisor are expected to meet regularly, agree a work programme to address the Faculty competencies to be addressed and periodically to review progress overall. The educational supervisor will provide the registrar with support and guidance. Specific pieces of work may be carried out under the guidance of someone other than the educational supervisor. This project supervisor / trainer will provide day to day oversight and guidance for agreed pieces of work.

**Trainee** - The registrar is expected to take control of his / her training and develop his / her own plans to accomplish what is required by the end of training. The training programme is there to guide and support this, the level of support being designed to match the level of experience the registrar has and the stage of training the trainee has reached.

**Training Programme Director** - The programme director co-ordinates and supports specialist training across Wessex. She also works with the Public Health Support Manager to achieve a comprehensive programme to support training and development for all groups of staff interested in developing in public health.

**Wessex Trainee Group (WTG)** - Registrars meet monthly for a day. Trainees share with their colleagues in a structured way issues arising in their work, receive feedback, learn from this process and identify action points arising from the discussion. The chairman is elected by the registrars and acts as a link with the programme director for issues that affect the registrars as a group.

**Study Leave** - Approval of the need and suitability of the study leave requested is required by the trainer and financial approval is given by the programme director. Local courses are also arranged as required.

**Employment Contracts** - These are held by the [Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust](https://www.hhft.nhs.uk) on behalf of Health Education Wessex for the period of training. It is expected that each training placement will also issue an honorary contract for the time the trainee is with it.
Health Education England

Health Education England – Wessex is responsible for the planning, development, education and training of the healthcare and public health workforce across Hampshire, Dorset, Isle of Wight and Salisbury. We also provide medical training for the States of Jersey and GP appraisal services for Jersey and Guernsey. We believe that the key to improving the health and healthcare of the 2.8 million people living in Wessex is investment in the skills and values of the 52,000 people working in the NHS and in primary care.

Within the field of postgraduate medical education and training, we manage across primary and secondary care for these health communities – totalling around 2,400 doctors in training at any one time across 12 Trusts and 160 GP practices. In addition, we support the workforce development for GP Practice Nurses and Public Health practitioners as well managing a bespoke GP appraisal service for established GP Practitioners to meet the requirements for revalidation in accordance with the statutory requirements set by the General Medical Council.

We manage training programmes for postgraduate medical training according to the statutory standards set by the General Medical Council (GMC) and have responsibility for establishing and maintaining quality management systems for all posts and programmes as required by the GMC.

The work of Health Education England – Wessex is guided by the principles embedded within the NHS constitution.

Health and safety

All employers have a duty to protect their workers from harm. You will be advised by the employer of local policies and procedures intended to protect your health and safety and to comply with these.

General information

Health Education Wessex’s management of Specialty Training programmes, including issues such as taking time out of programme and dealing with concerns or complaints, is available at www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk and in the national ‘Gold guide’ to Specialty Training at: http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/news/the-gold-guide/.
Main Conditions of Service

The posts are whole-time and the appointments are subject to:
- The Terms and Conditions of Service for NHS Doctors and Dentists in Training (England).
- Satisfactory registration with the General Medical Council.
- Right to work in the UK.
- Criminal Records Check/POCA check carried out by the Trust Medical HR department.
- Pre-employment checks carried out by the Trust Medical HR department - [http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employment-checks](http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employment-checks)

Educational supervisor

The employer will confirm your supervisor on commencement.

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