### Current number of training posts:
Approx. 18

### Based in the following Trust locations:
- NHS Southampton; NHS Portsmouth; NHS Hampshire; NHS Isle of Wight
- From April 2013 public health will be based in Local authorities

### Example rotation:
- NHS Southampton; Hampshire & NHS Isle of Wight Health Protection Unit:
  - NHS Portsmouth; University of Southampton; Dept of Health.

### General information on the training opportunities
Improved outcomes for patients is the common goal of all clinical specialties. In public health this is achieved by improving and protecting the health of groups of people, rather than about treating individual patients. Public health consultants must look at ‘the bigger picture’ and then take action to promote healthy lifestyles, prevent disease, protect and improve general health, and improve healthcare services.

Specialty training in Wessex is a 5 year rotation (including a funded MSc in Public Health) or 4 year (without MSc). It works to the Faculty of Public Health (FPH) standards for training. It involves rotations of between 6-12 months in public health settings including Local Authorities, Public Health England (from April 2013), and Health Protection Units. All locations have experienced, high quality and motivated educational supervisors who direct training following FPH curriculum.

Following successful professional examinations the latter part of training can be tailored to career aspirations and have included placements in Department of Health, WHO, Acute NHS Trusts, Kings Fund, Health Protection Agency Colindale. There are opportunities to do a higher degree with the University of Southampton, There is a Wessex StR “day release” monthly meeting providing opportunities to acquire knowledge, discuss current topics and to develop core skills required of a PH consultant.

There is local support for Part A and B of MFPH exams and success rates for first time passes are excellent. Trainee feedback about Wessex PH training has been outstanding.

### Key Contacts and Useful Websites:
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- [www.fph.org.uk](http://www.fph.org.uk)