**Faculty of Public Health Projects Scheme brief**

**Those wishing to apply for approval and advertisement of their projects should email this completed form to:** [**educ@fph.org.uk**](mailto:educ@fph.org.uk)**. This form should be completed by the Project Lead.**

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| **Date** | 5 June 2020 |

### Project Details

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| **Title and description of project with a summary of key roles and outputs expected from the registrar** | **Shaping and supporting the national COVID-19 testing programme**  This is a unique opportunity to spend three months as part of a small team providing and securing expert scientific, public health and clinical advice to Pillar 2 of the national COVID-19 testing programme.  Pillar 2 is currently responsible for developing and implementing methodologies for antigen testing for key workers, care homes and the general population. It is likely that the Pillar’s role will extend to provide support for antibody testing if this is made more widely available. The role includes: collecting and reviewing evidence; advising on the safety and effectiveness of testing methodologies; developing and reviewing related guidance and messaging; and engaging with a wide range of national stakeholders. Deliverables and outcomes will be agreed at the beginning of the project. The registrar will be allocated, by agreement, a specific project to undertake during the undertake, in line with the demands on the programme at the time and the training needs and interests of the registrar. Examples might include: reviewing evidence on a specific aspect of testing; designing and implementing a service adaptation to meet the needs of a particular population group; producing guidance and advice for the public and professionals on the testing process and the interpretation of results; or assuring aspects of service quality. As a full member of the team, the registrar will be able to experience at first hand the realities of work on a national, high profile, high risk programme of service development. |
| **Dates for application submission** | As soon as possible after 5 June 2020 |
| **Start and end date of project** | Project available from 8 June 2020 |
| **Time period for the project**  **(When and how many days per week).** | 3-4 months, but could be extended if circumstances permit. Ideally 5 days per week, but part time could be considered. |
| **How many places available** | 2 |
| **Location of Project Lead** | The DHSC programme is based in London, but our team members all work from home and are widely dispersed. |
| **Please state the learning outcomes and likely competencies to be achieved by the registrar from Public Health Specialty Training Curriculum** | These will to some extent be determined by the choice of specific project. There will be opportunities to achieve learning outcomes and competence in all key areas of public health. |
| **Details of the approved Project Supervisor (please include email)** | Dr Tom Fowler, Chief Scientific Officer and clinical/public health lead, COVID-19 Testing Programme WS2 [Tom.Fowler@genomicsengland.co.uk](mailto:Tom.Fowler@genomicsengland.co.uk)  Dr Lindsey Davies clinical /public health lead COVID-19 testing programme and past president of FPH will contribute to supervision.  [Lindsey.Davies@DHSC.gov.uk](mailto:Lindsey.Davies@DHSC.gov.uk) |
| **Will there be accommodation/travel costs Associated with this project? If so who would be expected to cover this cost?** | This is unlikely, but costs will be covered by DHSC if required. |
| **Please describe how the project will work in practice.** | The Registrar will work from home as part of a small team who meet regularly online as a group and with other members of the workstream. The project supervisor, educational supervisor and registrar will meet regularly online to review progress. |