**NATIONALLY AVAILABLE TRAINING PLACEMENTS**

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| 'Nationally Available Training Placements' (NATP) offer Public Health Specialty Registrars (StRs) opportunities to acquire specific additional or contextual experience at a national  level and develop specialist leadership knowledge and skills. |

These placements will be listed on the Faculty website to signpost Registrars to these organisations. The local deanery processes for approval of a Registrar request for undertaking these placements apply.

The Faculty of Public Health will add placements to the list which will meet the following criteria.

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| **Criteria:**  The Placement must offer unique training opportunities which are not available locally  It is a GMC approved placement  The host organisation approves  Application is supported by the local heads of school / training programme director  The placement is Advertised to all registrars nationally with a fair selection process |

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**SECTION 1: CONTACT DETAILS**

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**SECTION 2: PLACEMENT DETAILS**

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| **NAME OF THE ORGANISATION** | National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit | |
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| **IS THIS IS A GMC APPROVED PLACEMENT** | | Y NOXD888 |
| **PLACEMENT DURATION** | | 6 Months  12 months  Other  Please provide details **–** can be tailored to the needs of the trainee to either 6 or 12 months |
| **REGION/DEANERY** | | Thames Valley |
| **IS THE PLACEMENT AVAILABLE EVERY YEAR ?** | | Y N |
| **PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES THIS PLACEMENT OFFER TO SPECIALTY REGISTRARS?** | | |
| Our mission at the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit (NPEU) is to conduct methodologically rigorous research to provide evidence to improve the outcomes of and the care provided to women, babies and families during pregnancy, childbirth, the newborn period and early childhood, as well as promoting the effective use of resources by perinatal health services. The outcomes of pregnancy, the newborn period and early childhood are inextricably linked to the wider determinants of health and a public health focus allows consideration of both policy and service level preventive actions.  The unique aspect of our work from the perspective of a trainee is that we work at UK-national and international scale on a range of maternal and childhood health problems using the whole gamut of population health research approaches. These include national population surveillance, confidential enquires, clinical trials, cohort studies collecting primary data and using existing national cohort data, case control studies, surveys, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, economic methods including, for example, discrete choice experiments, and a range of qualitative methodological approaches. Having this variety of research methods and expertise available enables us to investigate health problems and women’s and families’ experiences of healthcare from many perspectives and to triangulate the findings. Having such a rich wealth of data arising from our studies enables us to tailor research projects to the particular training needs and interests of individual trainees.  A trainee attached to the NPEU will be joining a community of ~80 staff, student and academic visitors wholly focused on maternal and child health research who have all the necessary skills to support population-based public health-focussed research in this field. The trainee will have a designated educational supervisor and will be provided with all the necessary facilities, research support and training opportunities (including training courses) needed to ensure they are able to deliver their research project(s), in the same way we would provide facilities for our post-graduate students. This includes: a desk top computer and a laptop; access to a highly secure server system (with external VPN access to enable home working); IT and programming support provided in-house including web-design expertise; appropriate information security and governance overseen by the departmental IT and IG teams; and access to the full Bodleian library facilities, the majority of which can be accessed from ones own desk via the University intranet and extranet.  The Unit is part of the Nuffield Deprtment of Population Health, and thus trainees also benefit from exposure to the wider work of the department, including groups focussing on cancer, cardiovascular disease and dementia treatment and prevention.  The unit and department more widely are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive research culture that promotes quality, values diversity and inclusivity in a working, learning and social environment in which the rights and dignity of all our staff and students are respected. We received a silver Athena SWAN award in recognition of promoting gender equality and research integrity. | | |
| **EQUAL ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS** (Please explain how you would ensure this placement is accessible to all suitable trainees across the UK) | | |
| With approval from the FPH we anticipate the placement will be advertised on the FPH national placement page. We will also advertise it on the NPEU website. We will circulate the opportunity annually to the national Training Programme Directors whose contacts are listed on the FPH website and to the trainee network via our trainee contacts.  It will not be necessary to be located in Oxford to undertake the placement although we would encourage trainees to spend some time physically in the Unit on an agreed basis. This will ensure that they are able to maximise the opportunity and experience of being part of a vibrant maternal and child health multidisciplinary research community. | | |

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| **Costs** | **Who is responsible for costs (please ‘X’ the appropriate section)** | | |
| **Placement Provider** | **Deanery/Employer** | **Trainee** |
| Basic salary costs |  | X |  |
| On Call Costs |  | X |  |
| Out of hours salary cost (if appropriate) |  | N/A |  |
| Subsistence (travel and accommodation) to attend placement |  | X |  |
| Subsistence (travel and accommodation) related to work undertaken on the placement | X |  |  |
| Who indemnifies for 3rd party claims | X |  |  |
| Who will be responsible for Health & Safety at work? | X |  |  |
| Who authorises study leave? How much time is allowed? |  | X |  |
| Who funds study leave expenses? |  | X |  |

**SECTION 3: PROJECT DETAILS**

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| **PLEASE PROVIDE OR ATTACH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT/S .** |
| As outlined in Section 2 we undertake a wide range of research at any one time. Consequently, at any one time we have available to us studies which are currently underway, to which the trainee can contribute as well as datasets that will benefit from secondary analysis. We would discuss with the trainee what projects are available at the time they apply so that we can tailor the projects to their areas of interest and any specific learning outcomes they wish to achieve. We expect that a paper written and submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal will be one of the outcomes.  Examples of the types of recent projects available include:   1. Analysing the birth outcome data for women with COVID-19 in pregnancy collected in the UK Obstetric Surveillance System (UKOSS) national COVID-19 in pregnancy study. This would involve evaluating public health interventions. 2. Using routinely collected GP and hospital data, describe inequalities in pregnancy outcomes for different population groups and identify potential actions to reduce the disparity. 3. Using data from the national surveillance and confidential enquires into maternal and perinatal death, investigate the proportion of perinatal deaths that are potentially preventable. 4. Using data from the national Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT) evaluate the quality of local reviews of perinatal deaths and contribute to writing the annual report of the use of the tool. 5. Using national maternity survey data from 2014, 2018 and 2020 address the question of whether women who have had a caesarean birth have different breastfeeding patterns compared with women who have had a vaginal birth and consider potential interventions to address any disparity.   **Note: the learning outcomes achieved will depend upon the project(s) undertaken.** |

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| **LEARNING OUTCOMES (**please provide the list of learning outcomes which can be achieved during this placement. the learning outcomes are available can be accessed at  [public-health-curriculum-v13.pdf (fph.org.uk)](https://www.fph.org.uk/media/3450/public-health-curriculum-v13.pdf)  Please tick the appropriate box ‘**P**’ or ‘**F**’ to show which Learning Outcomes will be partially be achieved or fully achieved. | | | |
| Number | | Description | **P** | **F** |
| 1.1 | | Address a public health question using data and intelligence by refining the problem to an answerable question or set of questions, determining the appropriate approach and applying that approach by accessing data and information from a variety of organisations and sources (local, national and / or global) |  | F |
| 1.5 | | Display data using appropriate methods and technologies to maximise impact in presentations and written reports for a variety of audiences. |  | F |
| 1.6 | | Use and interpret quantitative and qualitative data, synthesising the information to inform action |  | F |
| 2.1 | | Conduct structured reviews of scientific literature relevant to questions about health and health care policy and practice, systematically locating and critically appraising the research evidence to identify strengths and limitations |  | F |
| 2.2 | | Formulate balanced evidence-informed recommendations both verbally and in writing using appropriate reasoning, judgement and analytical skills |  | F |
| 2.4 | | Identify the need for reviews of scientific literature to inform operational or strategic decisions about health and health care, and advocate this approach |  | F |
| 2.5 | | Define the approach to a structured review of research to inform policy and practice |  | F |
| 3.1 | | Demonstrate knowledge of current national and international policies and strategies that affect health and wellbeing. |  | F |
| 4.2 | | Demonstrate appropriate presentation, communication and listening skills, as appropriate for the audience or individual. Communicate in clear written format and in presentations to a range of organisations and audiences. |  | F |
| 8.1 | | Apply, interpret and present appropriate statistical methods and use standard software packages. |  | F |
| 8.2 | | Apply principles of epidemiology in public health practice. |  | F |
| 8.4 | | Advise on the relative strengths and limitations of different research methods to address specific public health research questions for both qualitative and quantitative research. |  | F |
| 8.5 | | Identify research needs based on patient/population needs and in collaboration with relevant partners. |  | F |
| 8.6 | | Understand and apply principles of good research governance. |  | F |
| 8.7 | | Make a significant contribution to the design and implementation of a study of any methodology in collaboration with appropriate team and relevant partner (e.g. academic partner). |  | F |
| 8.8 | | Write and submit an article of sufficient quality for publication in a peer review journal. Examples |  | F |

**SECTION 4: SUPERVISION DETAILS**

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| **NAME OF THE CLINICAL /ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR(S) (IF DIFFERENT FROM EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR)** | N/A |
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**SECTION 4: SELECTION DETAILS**

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| ***Application Deadline* (if start date is fixed)** | No fixed deadline – we will consider applications as they arise |
| ***Selection Procedure*** (please provide details of the application process for trainees). The Advertisement can be circulated via Faculty of Public Health) | |
| 1. Applicants should contact Prof Marian Knight via email to express their interest in a placement; a list of projects available at the time will be provided. 2. Applicants submit a CV with a covering letter (two page maximum) which includes their reasons for applying, the main learning outcomes sought which projects they are interested in and whether they have support of their Training Programme Director. 3. Applications assessed/short-listed by Marian Knight and colleagues who will be involved in the placement (will be project specific). 4. Informal interviews will take place shortly after short-listing. | |
| ***Person Specification*** *(Please provide details including experience required below or attach with this application)* | |
| ***Essential***   1. Be on a formally accredited specialist training programme in public health 2. To be in phase 2 of training, having passed the diplomate and membership examinations 3. Have made satisfactory progression through annual assessment (ARCP/RITA) 4. Have agreement from their Training Programme Director 5. Be available for a 6-12 month placement 6. Be available to spend some time physically (to be agreed) in the NPEU if not able to be fully located in the Unit   ***Desirable***   1. To have some experience of quantitative and/or qualitative research methods 2. To have some experience of maternal and/or child health and a demonstrable interest in this field | |

**SECTION 5: SIGNATURES**

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| **HoS/ TPD SIGNATURE** |  |
| **REGION/DEANERY** | Thames Valley/Oxford |
| **DATE** | 26/01/2023 |

**HEAD OF SCHOOL / TRAINING PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**

**Is this application supported? Y N**

**HOST ORGANISATION**

**Is this application supported? Y N**

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| **SIGNATURE** | sig |
| **DESIGNATION** | Director, National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit |
| **DATE** | 01/02/2023 |