



## NATIONALLY AVAILABLE TRAINING PLACEMENTS

'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.

**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**

<b>NAME</b>	Business Operations Team within the Environmental Hazards and Emergencies Department	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>		
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**SECTION 2: PLACEMENT DETAILS**

<b>NAME OF THE ORGANISATION</b>	UKHSA
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
There are 3 offices within the South and London Team where the placement is being offered:	
UK Health Security Agency Radiation, Chemical, Climate and Environmental Hazards Chilton, Harwell TOWN / CITY Didcot, Oxfordshire POSTCODE: OX11 0RQ	
UK Health Security Agency 10 South Colonnade Canary Wharf TOWN / CITY London POSTCODE: E14 4PU	



UK Health Security Agency  
2 Rivergate, Redcliffe  
TOWN / CITY: Bristol  
POSTCODE: BS1 6EG

**IS THIS IS A GMC APPROVED  
PLACEMENT**

Y  N

**PLACEMENT DURATION**

6 Months  12 months   
Other  Please provide details  
[Placements available from 4-6 months wte](#)

**REGION/DEANERY**

London, South East and South West

**IS THE PLACEMENT AVAILABLE EVERY  
YEAR?**

Y  N

**PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES THIS PLACEMENT  
OFFER TO SPECIALTY REGISTRARS?**

The UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA) Radiation, Chemical, Climate and Environmental Hazards (RCCE) Directorate provides advice to government, local authorities, the NHS, the public, and other bodies on the risks or benefits to public health from chemicals, radiation, noise, air quality and a range of other environmental hazards. As a Category 1 responder, RCCE would be at the core of any emergency response to a chemical, radiological or nuclear incident. This could involve working with a range of agencies to lead the health protection and health security response.

Within RCCE the Regional Teams within the Environmental Hazards and Emergencies Department (EHE) offers specialist training opportunities to learn more about how we contribute to health protection, wider non-infectious environmental hazards, our core activities of preparedness, response, consultations, key work programme areas, building the evidence base and chemical and environmental hazards information.

EHE provides authoritative evidence-based advice on the risks to public health from chemicals, noise, air pollution and other environmental hazards within UKHSA as well as to government, local authorities, NHS, the public, and other bodies. EHE delivers UKHSA's core environmental health protection function.

EHE staff have the experience, skills and talent to respond rapidly to emergency chemical and environmental incidents as well as the wide range of potential environmental exposures which threaten public health with specialist knowledge in risk and exposure assessment, toxicology, chemistry, epidemiology and risk communication. Our expert, scientific advice and response is underpinned by an active evidence base programme of work.

The Department engages with a broad range of stakeholders, including the wider public health community, and supports cross government departments and agencies, local authorities and the public with expert environmental public health advice to assist with the development of plans, policies or regulatory approvals.

There is opportunity for a placement across England as EHE has staff based in offices in Oxfordshire, London, Bristol, Birmingham, Nottingham, Cambridge, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle and Cardiff.



EHE is the only place to offer specialist training opportunities in wider non-infectious environmental hazards, for registrars who are interested in a career in health protection. Most trainees have health protection placement before coming to EHE and have achieved most of the competencies in health protection.

Trainees are expected to fully participate in the day-to-day work of the Department including team meetings, site visits and training days. The work undertaken by those attached to EHE is wide ranging. They may operate on the daytime duty desk rota, with scientist support at all times. The work includes responding to chemical incidents and general enquiries, participation in on-going incidents which includes attending site visits and incident meetings, undertaking project work, and writing papers.

The EHE training placement is based on the programme for environmental public health. Each trainee is asked to identify specific areas of training needs required to be covered during such attachments. This will aim to provide public health trainees the unique opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in:

- Toxicology
- Environmental science
- Environmental epidemiology
- Risk assessment and management
- Environmental public health

With opportunities in:

- Teaching
- Research
- Management and leadership

Trainees will gain understanding and experience of:

- the management of acute and chronic chemical incidents (contaminated water, flooding, fires, contaminated land, chemical incidents)
- The role of the various agencies in diagnosis, prevention and control of non-infectious environmental hazards and their roles and responsibilities
- The legal basis of environmental public health
- The public health role in emergency planning
- Toxicology for health protection
- Environmental science for health protection
- Environmental epidemiology and health risk assessment
- Sources of information/help available (databases and people/ units)

Develop skills in:



- Using surveillance skills in prevention and control of non-infectious environmental hazards
- Identification of and response to single cases of common non-infectious environmental hazards
- Identification of health effects of non-infectious environmental hazards/clusters
- Investigation of non-infectious environmental hazards/ clusters including the application of appropriate epidemiological methods
- Advising professionals and the public on potential health effects of non-infectious environmental hazards
- Media communications e.g. production of press statements or other interaction with the press
- Risk assessment

Increase knowledge of:

- Major Health Protection issues/key policies and guidelines
- How to keep up to date on Health Protection issues

**EQUAL ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS** (Please explain how you would ensure this placement is accessible to all suitable trainees across the UK)

EHE supports hybrid working so trainees can join from all locations. Some travel to our offices or other locations may be advantageous and will be discussed with trainees on application. EHE also supports flexible working as per existing arrangements, as well as part time placements.

There is no out of hours requirement for the post and trainees may stay on existing regional health protection on call rotas as agreed with their training programme.

Applicants can apply at anytime during the year. If more applications are received than placements available, then placements will be offered based on a competitive interview process. Trainees should contact the placement to receive details on the applying.

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Who is responsible for costs (please 'X' the appropriate section)</b>		
	<b>Placement Provider</b>	<b>Deanery/Employer</b>	<b>Trainee</b>



Basic salary costs		x	
On Call Costs		x	
Out of hours salary cost (if appropriate)		x	
Subsistence (travel and accommodation) to attend placement		X Depending on individual Deanery's excess travel policy	
Subsistence (travel and accommodation) related to work undertaken on the placement	x		
Who indemnifies for 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

**PLEASE PROVIDE OR ATTACH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT/S**

The following are illustrative for all trainees:

- Training on the core work EHE undertakes
- Shadow the duty desk to understand the types of acute incidents we respond to
- Complete an operational piece of work, which may be updating a short document
- Attend team catch ups and meetings
- Attend any EHE relevant training sessions 2 months WTE
- Undertake shifts on the duty desk to put into practice the training received
- Undertake a small project to assist with learning outcomes
- Lead on the response (under supervision) of a chronic enquiry
- Attend introductory sessions with Air Quality and Noise and Public Health Teams, in order to understand the work of our whole department
- Meet other departments in RCCE, including radon, general toxicology, radiation emergency response group

Trainees are also expected to undertake a larger, potentially strategic project to assist with learning outcomes or to contribute to strategic work of RCCE e.g. audits and present their project to the Department. Previous projects have included:

- Reviewing our early alerting arrangements with partner agencies
- Mapping of Local Authority air quality and public health actions in a region
- Assisting with developing the evidence base to lower the lead public health intervention concentration in England
- Lead and pica and information sources for parents
- Review on public health effects of wildfires
- Review of lead cases
- Review of health effects associated with odour

Projects will be agreed depending on the learning needs of the trainee and current operational priorities.

**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 \(fph.org.uk\)](http://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
1.2	Apply principles of information governance for a range of organisations, and in health protection work.		Partial or full achievement dependant on project work undertaken and previous experience.
1.5	Display data using appropriate methods and technologies to maximise impact in presentations and written reports for a variety of audiences.		
1.6	Use and interpret quantitative and qualitative data, synthesising the information to inform action.		



2.1	Define, document and 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.
2.2	Formulate balanced evidence-informed recommendations both verbally and in writing using appropriate reasoning, judgement and analytical skills.
2.4	Identify the need for overviews of research to inform operational or strategic decisions about health and health care and advocate this approach.
2.5	Define the approach to a structured review of research to inform policy and practice
2.7	Implement or apply evidence-based practice.
3.1	Display an awareness of current national and international policies and strategies that affect health and wellbeing, and their global context.
3.2	Evaluate a situation and identify the steps required to achieve change, preparing options for action.
3.6	Lead the implementation of a strategy including demonstrating the ability to solve problems that arise during this process.
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.
4.3	Assess, communicate and understand the management of different kinds of risks, including health, financial, reputational and political risks.
4.5	Demonstrate effective team working in a variety of settings, balancing the needs of the individual, the team and the task.
4.7	Handle uncertainty, the unexpected, challenge and potential or actual conflict in a sensitive and successful manner.
4.9	Work collaboratively with the media to communicate effectively with the public.
5.7	Demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability with a focus on the links to health or emergency planning and climate change.
6.1	Demonstrate knowledge and awareness of hazards relevant to health protection.



6.2	Gather and analyse information, within an appropriate timescale, to identify and assess the risks of health protection hazards	
6.3	Identify a health protection hazard; develop a management plan and advise on its implementation, with reference to local, national and international policies and guidance to prevent, control and manage identified health protection hazards.	
6.5	Document information and actions taken with accuracy and clarity in an appropriate timeframe.	
6.6	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main stakeholders and agencies at a local, national and international level involved in health protection and their roles and responsibilities, including in emergency preparedness.	
6.7	Demonstrate an understanding of the steps involved in outbreak / incident investigation and management, including debrief and using lessons to improve future working, and be able to make a significant contribution to the health protection response.	
6.8	Apply the principles of prevention in health protection work and take opportunities to promote health protection actions in specific settings	
10.5	Provides advanced public health expertise, utilising pragmatic decision making and prioritisation skills at senior management level in their own and partner organisations	
10.8	Operates flexibly as a health and care systems leader, showing an understanding of the impact they have on others, and giving effective support to colleagues within teams.	
10.9	Is proactive in identifying opportunities to improve population health and taking effective action to influence the corporate work programmes of an organisation to include solutions	
10.10	Uses and promotes public health principles and core values.	
10.11	Works flexibly and perseveres through uncertainty, additional unexpected complexity and potential or actual conflict to seek effective outcomes.	



## SECTION 4: SUPERVISION DETAILS

<b>NAME OF THE EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR</b>	<p>Rachel Mearkle is the overall ES , and for regional ES supervision should come from your local HPT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Rachel Mearkle for the SE HPT</li><li>-Jonathan Roberts for SW HPT</li><li>-Emma Crawley-Boevey for South London HPT</li><li>-Anita Bell for North London HPT</li></ul> <p>Questions about supervision during this placement should be directed to Louise Uffindell who has overall responsibility for the NATP.</p>
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<b>NAME OF THE CLINICAL /ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR(S) (IF DIFFERENT FROM EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR)</b>	<p>Clinical supervision will be from the relevant HPT, as EHE staff are not clinically trained.</p>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	
<p><i>NOTE: Please notify FPH immediately of any changes to your contact details</i></p>	



## SECTION 4: SELECTION DETAILS

<b>Application Deadline (if start date is fixed)</b>	
<b>Selection Procedure</b> (please provide details of the application process for trainees). The Advertisement can be circulated via Faculty of Public Health)	
<p>We welcome applications from Specialty Registrars in Public Health from all regions in England. Interested trainees should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Contact the Business Operations Team through their central mailbox <a href="mailto:ehbusinessops@ukhsa.gov.uk">ehbusinessops@ukhsa.gov.uk</a> in order to provide information such as timing of the placement, and location</li><li>2. Submit a CV (max 2 sides A4) and a covering email outlining their interest in a project or placement, and the main learning outcomes sought</li></ol> <p>If more applications are received than placements available, interviews will be held.</p> <p>Training offers will be determined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interest or experience in environmental hazards and health protection</li><li>• Alignment of Registrar training needs to the work of the Department and the Department's business plan</li><li>• Availability and capacity of educational supervision</li><li>• Geographical, Diversity and Inclusion equity</li></ul>	
<b>Person Specification</b> (Please provide details including experience required below or attach with this application)	
<p>Essential for public health registrars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be on a formally accredited specialist training programme</li><li>• Have completed the diplomate and membership FPH examinations</li><li>• Be within ST4-ST5 of training</li><li>• Must have satisfactory progression through annual assessments (ARCP)</li><li>• Have agreement from their training programme director that this is a suitable training opportunity</li><li>• Be available for a period of at least 4 months</li><li>• Demonstrable interest in health protection and environmental hazards, with an intention to specialise in health protection post CCT.</li><li>• A broad-based public health experience to date, including addressing the majority of LOs.</li><li>• Strong skills in communication of complex issues to a variety of audiences</li></ul>	



**SECTION 5: SIGNATURES**

**HEAD OF SCHOOL / TRAINING PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**

Is this application supported?      Y       N

HoS/ TPD SIGNATURE	<i>George</i>
REGION/DEANERY	London
DATE	04/03/2026

**HEAD OF SCHOOL / TRAINING PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**

Is this application supported?      Y       N

HoS/ TPD SIGNATURE	<i>Julie Parkes</i>
REGION/DEANERY	Thames Valley/South East
DATE	11/03/26
HoS/ TPD SIGNATURE	<i>Maggie Rae</i>
REGION/DEANERY	Southwest
DATE	15 March 2026

**HOST ORGANISATION**

Is this application supported?      Y       N

SIGNATURE	<i>R. Blake</i>
DESIGNATION	CCDC, ES for SE
DATE	10/3/26