

SPECIALTY REGISTRAR PLACEMENT
Global Public Health

POST TITLE:

Specialty Registrar in Public Health

ORGANISATION PROVIDING PLACEMENT

Global Operations, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

PLACEMENT LOCATIONS AND ADDRESSES

UKHSA, 10 South Colonnade, London, E14 4PU

Registrars will be expected to spend some time in the London offices, with potential opportunity to work flexibly from an alternative location around this.

Short term (ranging from one day to up to 6 weeks) international travel for meetings, workshops and projects may be required

PLACEMENT DURATION

6-12 months. Placements shorter than 6 months are not encouraged. Placements longer than 12 months will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Placements split across two training locations are discouraged but will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Placements are available for full time or less-than full time contracts.

START DATE

Start date anytime from March 2024

A rolling cohort of up to 6 registrars at any one time

IS THE PLACEMENT AVAILABLE EVERY YEAR?

Depending on the duration of existing placements, it is anticipated that there will be one or two recruitment rounds each year.

HAS THIS POST/PLACEMENT RECEIVED PROSPECTIVE GMC APPROVAL?

Yes

PLEASE NOTE THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR THE FPH FAST TRACK OUT OF PROGRAMME FOR APPROVED CLINICAL TRAINING (OOPT) TO COVER POSSIBLE SHORT PERIODS OF WORK OUTSIDE THE UK. The process guidance is attached with links to the relevant forms. Travel restrictions are currently in place due to COVID-19 but these may change over the coming months.



Overseas process
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SUPERVISORS

The placement educational supervisors are Osman Dar, Ian Walker, Sunita Sturup-Toft and Ahmed Razavi (Consultants in Global Public Health). The following Consultants act as accredited project supervisors in the division

Kanza Ahmed, Olaa Mohamed-Ahmed, Sarah Payne Riches, Claire Baynton, Natalie Wright, Sarah LeGrand, Helen Tomkys, Tim Baxter and Sunita Sturup-Toft

BACKGROUND

UKHSA undertakes a range of global health work which is viewed as a high priority. UKHSA is in the process of developing a global strategy. Global health activities in UKHSA are overseen by the Director of Global Operations and involve the breadth of organisational capability across Health Protection, Health Improvement, Knowledge Management and Workforce and Leadership Development.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

The placement provides a fantastic opportunity to:

- Work in a fast-paced role in global health
- Contribute to delivery of UKHSA/ global health priorities
- Contribute to developing and writing proposals for new grant funded global health initiatives
- Apply a wide range of public health skills such as negotiating and influencing, strategic leadership and collaborative working, and appropriate use of public health evidence in an international context

The placement will enable the registrar to gain an improved understanding of:

- The key institutions relevant to global public health and global health governance
- International instruments/ regulations/ plans relevant to global and domestic public health
- The cross-government approach to global health and wider UK based activity on global public health
- UK overseas aid processes

Registrars will be based in the global teams in UKHSA. There are opportunities for registrars to spend some of their time working with other teams within UKHSA/DHSC and government partners.

The work could include:

- Contributing to knowledge transfer to facilitate the implementation of key UN landmark agreements, including working with colleagues internationally
- Contributing to the work of UKHSA's WHO Collaborating Centre for Global Health Security
- Contributing to public health system capacity building at strategic or operational level in bilateral or multi-lateral programmes and projects
- Contributing to the work (including research and capacity development) of the UK Public Health Rapid Support Team
- Supporting the implementation of the IHR strengthening project in selected low- and middle-income countries and in Africa and Asia regions
- Supporting the implementation of the programme to support the UK Overseas Territories
- Supporting the approach and coordination of UKHSA's international contribution on antimicrobial resistance
- Developing the Global Public Health monitoring and evaluation capabilities

Specific project areas:

The following is a description of potential areas of work. However, further opportunities will be available as new projects are continuously being developed. Please note that not all teams are able to take registrars in particular rounds of recruitment.

Global Health Advisory, Science and Partnerships (Project Supervisor: Kanza Ahmed kanza.ahmed@ukhsa.gov.uk)

The Global Health Advisory, Science and Partnerships (GHASP) team incorporates three key functions and SpRs can undertake projects across the three functions:

1. Global Disaster Risk Reduction

SpR's working on projects in the Global Disaster Risk Reduction (GDRR) function will be promoting and advocating the importance of public health within disaster risk reduction to facilitate network building for the implementation, capacity development and research network outputs on the 2015 UN landmark agreements of the Sendai Framework Disaster Risk Reduction and its coherence with the SDGs and the Paris Climate Change Agreement. Registrars will have the opportunity to influence and work extensively across key national and international organisations including HMG, UN-based organisations and academia. They will be expected to take on leadership roles in providing advice, guidance and expertise on health emergencies and disasters.

2. Global Health Security

Registrars working with the global health security (GHS) function will have the opportunity to work across a range of departments and teams in UKHSA, DHSC and across other Government Departments to provide expertise and cross HMG coordination to improve the GHS evidence and resource base. GHS is a priority area for the UK, highlighted in the G7 and G20 discussions. Work will include engaging with partners such as WHO, in particular on their learning from COVID-19 including reviews of their IHR (2005) Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and the many new initiatives developed to improve global preparedness. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to the designated WHO Collaborating Centre for Global Health Security and working closely with other international initiatives such as the GHS Agenda, One Health and the GHS Initiative.

3. Four Nations and EU, Europe Coordination

The EU function works to increase bilateral and multilateral public health activity (across the UK and Europe). Public Health registrars will work with the central coordination team to continue to support the overarching coordination of the EU programme, ECDC MoU and the Four Nations Health Protection and Oversight Group Secretariat. Despite losing access to EU health security agencies and networks, it is still necessary to maintain a bilateral relationship with the Commission and its associated agencies and networks. The team is increasing UK activity with individual member states on a bilateral basis and other multilateral organisations such as WHO-EURO.

The UK Vaccine Network Project (Project supervisors Helen Tomkys / Sarah LeGrand)

The UK Vaccine Network Project (UKVN) is an Official Development Assistance funded project which aims to invest UK Aid to accelerate the development of vaccines for priority diseases of epidemic potential in low- and middle-income countries. It is guided by the UKVN Expert Advisory Group, which brings together experts in academia, industry, government, and philanthropic funders, and is chaired by DHSC Chief Medical Officer, Professor Sir Chris Whitty. Registrars working in this project would be integrated into UKVN team, which is part of the Global Health Security Programme at the Department of Health and Social Care. They would gain insight of the breadth of global health security work across government, and would have the unique opportunity to work within a fast-paced policy team in central government. The placement would involve taking on significant responsibilities that could include using public health skills to plan, implement and/or manage awards and working on the future direction and governance of the network given the changing post-COVID landscape. For further information contact Fran Butcher (current SpR – frances.butcher@dhsc.gov.uk) or Sarah LeGrand (sarah.legrand@dhsc.gov.uk)

Non-Communicable Disease and Mental Health (Project supervisor: Dr Sarah Payne Riches)

Registrars joining the Global NCD team will have the chance to work at a senior level, across a range of Mental Health, NCDs and global determinants; strengthening collective action through bilateral, regional and global partnerships. There will be scope to lead on projects with public health regional organisations eg. Africa CDC. The placement offers an opportunity to join the domestic and global NCD agendas, enabling shared learning on effective policy development and implementation. For further information, please contact Sarah Payne Riches sarah.payneriches@ukhsa.gov.uk

NHS Consortium for Global Health (Project supervisor: Dr Sarah Payne Riches)

The NHS Consortium for Global Health (NHSC) brings together technical capacity from a number of health ALBs (e.g., NICE, NHSE, NHS Digital, UKHSA) to provide expert advice and evidence-based recommendations to partner countries. The NHSC provides a connection into the wider UK health and care system to draw on wide ranging expertise. It was formed to support the FCDO in connection with their Better Health Programme (BHP), a system strengthening and capacity building programme across eight partner LMICs focussed largely on NCDs. Following the success of the NHSC model in the BHP, there will be opportunities to lead and contribute to future projects where the NHSC supports FCDO delivery in priority countries or with partner countries directly. Registrars will work alongside and be supported by the NHSC secretariate and members of the technical advisory pool of experts to scope and design technical collaborations and contribute technical expertise according to specific requests from FCDO. For further information, please contact Sarah Payne Riches (sarah.payneriches@ukhsa.gov.uk)

UK Overseas Territories Public Health Strengthening Programme (Project supervisors: Dr Natalie Wright, Sunita Sturup-Toft)

Registrars working with the UK Overseas Territories Public Health Strengthening Programme will have the opportunity to provide senior level public health expertise and leadership for a wide range of projects, including in-territory deployments as required. The Programme covers the breadth of public health practice, including strengthening capacity to comply with the International Health Regulations and Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, supporting UKOTs to develop plans, policies, and procedures for public health emergencies across all hazards, improving capacity in surveillance and epidemiological analysis, supporting Ministries of Health in the UKOTs with their strategic approach to NCDs, public health workforce development, application of behavioural science, addressing local health inequalities and developing research partnerships. Registrars working with this programme would gain insight into working in politically sensitive environments with challenges to resources and capacity. This requires creative public health intervention design which has the opportunity to enhance learning for other small island and developing states. For further information contact Natalie Wright (Natalie.wright@ukhsa.gov.uk) or Sunita Sturup-Toft (Sunita.sturup-toft@ukhsa.gov.uk)

UK Public Health Rapid Support Team (Project supervisor: Dr Claire Bayntun)

The UK Public Health Rapid Support Team (UK-PHRST) is jointly run by UKHSA and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and collaborates with academic partners including Oxford University. The UK-PHRST consists of public health experts, scientists and academics with a deployable team who are ready to respond at short notice to requests for support for outbreak response from low- and middle-income countries. The UK-PHRST conducts rigorous research to improve the response to future outbreaks. The team also supports partners to develop their response, research and wider capacities, providing training and support across different disciplines including operations, social science, mental health, epidemiology, microbiology, infection prevention and control, training and education. The UK-PHRST maintains a roster of trained public health reservists, increasing the UK's capacity to rapidly scale up the response to any disease outbreak or health emergency. For further information on current opportunities contact Claire Bayntun (Claire.bayntun@ukhsa.gov.uk).

One Health and Health Systems (Project Supervisor: Dr Olaa Mohamed-Ahmed)

Registrars working with the One Health and Health Systems team will have the opportunity to work on a range of projects related to strengthening One Health and public health systems and capacity, in partnership with a number of external agencies and organisations. This includes projects on: 1) the essential public health functions, governance and workforce, with the World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (WHO EMRO), Headquarters (WHO HQ) and with countries across the Eastern Mediterranean region; 2) working across UKHSA teams and external partners to develop and conduct cross-border simulation exercises to test preparedness and response to One Health emergencies 3) support to partner public health institutes through the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI); 4) strengthening the public health workforce in Africa with WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO AFRO) and Africa Centres for Disease Control (Africa CDC); 5) developing academic and operational research on One Health in low-resource and/or complex settings and integrating across the human, animal and environmental health. Opportunities are likely to include leading on and contributing to projects with external stakeholders and supporting the development of bids and proposals. For further information on current opportunities, please contact Olaa Mohamed-Ahmed (olaa.mohamed-ahmed@ukhsa.gov.uk) or Samia Latif (samia.latif@ukhsa.gov.uk).

DHSC International Directorate (Project supervisor: Tim Baxter)

Registrars working within DHSC's International Directorate will have opportunities to work across several aspects of the Department's international work including Global Health Security programmes, relationships with multilateral institutions (e.g. WHO, G7, G20), bilateral relationships with overseas health ministries, and global health strategy. The placement will give experience of working in international health policy and health diplomacy, potentially including working with DHSC ministers or senior officials such as CMO and the Permanent Secretary. For further information, please contact: Tim Baxter (tim.baxter@dhsc.gov.uk).

Projects based in other organisations could include the Global Health Programme at Chatham House which focuses on the interface between evidence, policy and politics. Current project areas include One Health, Universal Health

Coverage, Refugees and Migrants, Conflict and Health, Antimicrobial Resistance amongst others. For further information contact Dr Osman Dar (Osman.dar@ukhsa.gov.uk).

For registrars with an interest in systems leadership, quality and clinical governance in public health practice, or who need to fulfil competencies in this area there would also be opportunities available for discrete projects on these topics within the division. Projects will be tailored to both the needs of UKHSA/OHID and the training needs of the registrar. There is an expectation that registrars will take on a strong personal leadership of their projects.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The possible learning outcomes which could be met or partially met in a placement with the global health teams are too numerous to list individually and cover **all** areas of the new 2022 curriculum. There are however likely to be specific opportunities to fulfil competencies in the new 2022 curriculum under:

- Key area 2 - Assessing the evidence of effectiveness of interventions, programmes and services intended to improve the health or wellbeing of individuals or populations
- Key area 3 - Policy and strategy development and implementation
- Key area 4 - Strategic leadership and collaborative working for health
- Key area 10 – Integration and application of competences for consultant Practice

The specific competencies that could be addressed during the placement will vary according to the projects agreed.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

This attachment is suitable for senior public health registrars.

Essential

Applicants must:

- Be on a formally accredited specialist training programme
- Have completed the diplomate (DFPH) and final membership (MFPH) examinations of the Faculty of Public Health
- Have made satisfactory progress through annual assessments (ARCP)
- Have agreement from their Training Programme Director that this is a suitable training opportunity
- Be available for a period of 6-12 months and willing to travel to partner countries for short periods (days to 6 weeks maximum) if required for the projects

Desirable:

- Demonstrable interest in global health
- Ideally have had some experience of working internationally or on international/ global health issues
- Strong skills in communication of complex issues to a variety of audiences
- Aptitude for collaborative leadership across organisational boundaries

The UKHSA Global Operations Division is building a process for responding to the decolonising global health agenda and registrars joining the division will be expected to actively engage in this process. See

<https://www.internationalhealthpolicies.org/blogs/decolonizglobalhealth-rewriting-the-narrative-of-global-health/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE

Applications should be submitted by **COP 2nd February 2024**. An appointments panel will review applications with a view to holding informal interviews on **the weeks of 12th and 19th Feb 2024** (interviews will be via MS Teams). Placements can commence from March 2024 onwards.

Applicants should email the following to Soraya John-Baptiste Soraya.Baptiste@ukhsa.gov.uk

1. Curriculum vitae (max 2 sides A4)
2. Covering letter (no more than one side A4) saying why you are interested in applying for the placement, how your skills and experience match the person specification, your expected start date and duration of the placement, what you expect to gain from the opportunity including how this placement will meet your training needs.
3. Letter of support from your Training Programme Director (an email is acceptable)

Applicants who were unsuccessful at previous rounds are encouraged to apply again.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

This attachment is advertised via the Public Health Training Programme Directors, and placements are offered following successful application and subsequent interview. The registrar must have the support of their Training Programme Director before applying for this placement.

EQUAL ACCESS ARRANGEMENT

Placements are available full time or pro rata to current contract.

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING ADVISOR(S)

Name(s) and email address(es): We have discussed the placement with the Head of School Rachel Wells, School of Public Health London

CONTACT FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

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