

Public Health Placements in Barnet Council

Barnet is located to the north of London and borders Hertfordshire to the north, Harrow to the west, and Enfield to the east. We also share borders with Haringay and Camden and Islington. There is quick access to countryside of Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire and central London. Barnet is known as a leafy borough and is one of the greatest populated boroughs in London. This is set to increase further with some of the largest regeneration projects in London taking place to the west of the borough.

Our population is increasing diverse with one of the largest Jewish populations in the country. The life expectancy of people living in Barnet is significantly higher than average. Despite this the most deprived areas of the borough are on average 8.1 years less for men and 7.6 years less for women than those in the least deprived areas.

For more information visit the Barnet Council website <https://jsna.barnet.gov.uk/>

More general information about the borough can be found here <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/>

The public health team in Barnet has, like many places, had a large focus on COVID during 2020. Despite this there have been a range of possibilities for Registrars to become involved in a number of projects and this is likely to increase as the COVID pandemic changes. You would enjoy a close relationship with a large team with a number of specialities including children and young people, adult health improvement, insight and intelligence, commissioning, healthy places and health protection. The team of 4 public health consultants plus our DPH have broad experience of training with registrars and are supportive of learning across the teams.

The team is also integrated with the other council teams and has a good working relationship across directorates which has been very positive during COVID and enhanced the role of public health. Registrars in public health placed in Barnet will benefit from this and the experience this offers. This year, so far our current public health registrar has been involved in setting up mass testing, working on lateral flow testing, the health protection response and suicide strategy. Previous years registrars have been involved in food security strategies, working with schools on mental health and designing the healthy weight strategies.

Above all, the public health team in Barnet is friendly and supportive. We regularly invite dietetic students, pre-reg nursing and GP trainees to spend time with us. We received good feedback from registrars placed with us. Most, of all, our work is challenging and interesting.

Your ES will be Rachel Wells, Consultant in Public Health with support from a number of highly skilled project supervisors.