

BROMLEY ADVERT FOR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH REGISTRARS

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Bromley Borough

Bromley is the largest London borough in terms of size and has a population of 330,000. It is located in outer south east London, bordering Kent and Surrey to the south.

Overall, there are low levels of deprivation in Bromley, but there are pockets of deprivation in the north and east, with related poorer health outcomes and health inequality. The borough has relatively low levels of BAME residents, although this is increasing rapidly. The borough is home to a large population of Gypsy Roma Travellers.

Health indices tend to be good overall. Compared with the majority of other London boroughs, Bromley has a high proportion of elderly population. Depression rates in adults are relatively high and substance misuse is relatively low but very few adults or children access substance misuse services.

The key health issues are cancer, diabetes, obesity and mental health which has also been identified as priorities within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Bromley Public Health Team

The Public Health team has 19 permanent staff which includes a well developed data and intelligence team; a team of Public Health nurses who commission the NHS health checks and Sexual health plus involvement with the wider health improvement; a small substance misuse team and a Senior Public Health Strategist who leads on risky behaviours in adolescence. There is also a small child Public Health team. Several members of the team contribute to local work on mental health.

The Public Health team in Bromley has particularly close links with colleagues in the South East London CCG and the One Bromley partnership. Collaboration and joint work is common in all areas of public health work. The Covid-19 pandemic has greatly raised the profile of Public Health in the council and we have had the benefit of working closely with a number of teams and senior officers in setting up and maintaining local systems to manage the pandemic.

The team have also seen links with local schools and care homes, which were already in place, strengthened by our support to them during the pandemic, which has been perceived as very effective.

Potential work areas

There are several potential areas for project work depending on the registrar's needs and interest:

Data and intelligence

- Children's JSNA
- Surveillance system for outbreaks in different settings
- Cancer needs assessment
- Impact of Covid-19 on Bromley population

Health Promotion and disease prevention

- Obesity – health promotion work
- NHS health checks – new service model, joint work with primary care/CCG
- Work with GRT population
- Substance misuse and homeless population – joint work with housing department
- Breast and cervical cancer screening projects jointly with GP Cancer lead

Strategy work

- Health and Well-being Strategy evaluation
- Future role of Public Health in the Council (more senior registrar)
- Contribution to Annual Public Health report

The team is very welcoming and supportive. As a team we have been together for many years and we have supported each other through the move into the local authority. Bromley has always been a popular placement because of this strong supportive team, and previous trainees have all enjoyed their placement here.