

Lambeth is a vibrant inner London borough on the south bank of the Thames made up of eight neighbourhoods: Brixton, Clapham, Herne Hill, Kennington, Norwood, Stockwell, Streatham and Vauxhall/Waterloo. The public health team is normally based in the new civic centre with modernised facilities and offices in Brixton – a short walk from Brixton Underground tube station on the Victoria Line as well as the over ground train and bus networks. Brixton is a busy town centre with many shops and a wide range of places to eat. We provide a friendly, lively, stimulating as well as a challenging training environment. We have four consultants, an assistant director for public health commissioning and a Director of Public Health who lead on the public health specialist & commissioning functions to improve health and services for over 330,000 residents. Lambeth is home to many diverse communities with a complex social and ethnic mix, with large African and Portuguese populations, and is an important focus for the UK black Caribbean population. There are stark inequalities and public health challenges including lower life expectancy & premature avoidable mortality but also higher levels of a range of risks including mental illness & poor wellbeing, childhood obesity and sexual health risks - demonstrate some of the greatest need nationally; the challenges of spiralling housing costs, rapid regeneration and gentrification abound. Locally, there are three world-famous hospital trusts and an active Academic Health Sciences Centre.

The team is well established and embedded in the council working closely with other Council Departments as well as the NHS (Lambeth Together and the South East London Clinical Commissioning Group and local acute trusts and GPs). This has been consolidated over the last year in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have a strong track record as a training organisation and work collaboratively with neighbouring public health teams. We set aside time for regular teaching and support for trainees. We can host up to 4 registrars. As a trainee in the department you will have the opportunity to gain skills in many areas of the public health curriculum and the scope of projects can be tailored to your training needs and phase of training, including those looking for experience that would support consultant job applications. Projects often include working collaboratively with partners across the council or other partners. We place particular emphasis on Registrars being given real responsibility for projects which are tailored to meet their educational needs and are appropriate for their level of training. We can offer opportunities to shadow the Director of Public Health and Consultants in Public Health, and if appropriate other leaders within Lambeth Council or Lambeth Together to enable Registrars to get a view of the whole local authority & health economy. Registrars towards the end of their training are included in our Public Health Leadership Team, gaining early insight into the management of teams in a complex environment. The department has expertise in commissioning sexual health and hosts the London HIV programme for 30 London Boroughs as well as sexual health commissioning for SE London. The department has strong academic links with the London School of Economics, King's College London and is developing links with other academic units, offering opportunities for research and teaching.

Our team consists of 25 posts providing the public health specialist and commissioning function for the borough. Leadership is provided by the Director of Public Health supported by four consultants and a commissioning assistant director covering:

- Wider determinants; health improvement & health in all policies; Mental health and wellbeing
- Children & young people, maternity, sexual health (across SE London)
- Health protection (e.g. emergency planning, infection prevention and control and environmental health), older people and disability
- Health care public health, social care, prioritisation, individual funding request panels across Lambeth and Southwark
- Health intelligence, needs assessments, strategic planning and delivery as appropriate
- Commissioning of public health services for the Council and Lambeth CCG.

Some examples of work in the last couple of year that trainees have been involved with include:

2020-21

- Sexual Health Needs Assessment
- Children and Young People's mental health needs assessment
- Food Poverty and Insecurity
- Loneliness and Social Isolation
- COVID-19 mortality analysis – using locally registered mortality data
- COVID-19 local epidemiology – presentation to health and wellbeing board
- Local Covid-19 guidelines e.g. PPE, Lateral flow testing.
- Review of self-isolation and communication/engagement on Covid-19 with the public

2019-20

- Mapping of catheter management in the community
- Dual diagnosis care pathway review
- Annual Public Health Report – Climate Change
- COVID-19 – Communications and community engagement
- Mental Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Workplace Health
- Self-Harm Case Notes Review
- Atrial Fibrillation Health Equity Audit

The department is innovative and has played an important role in attracting external funding to trail blaze several initiatives. These include:

- Lambeth Early Action Partnership (LEAP) which is a £36 million programme to better the lives of thousands of children in the Lambeth community, focusing on four wards Stockwell, Coldharbour, Vassall and Tulse Hill.
- Lambeth Food Flagship for which Lambeth Council received £500,000 from the Mayor of London and the Department of Education to kick-start this promising and exciting programme to transform the boroughs food environment.
- Lambeth Council led a partnership of Lewisham and Southwark councils, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark CCGs, NHS England, the Big Lottery Fund and the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) to establish a new programme in Autumn 2017 to improve HIV outcomes in south London. The programme has enabled added value to current interventions and testing of sustainable innovative interventions adopting a social investment partnership (SIP) approach.
- The Department is leading on two projects funded by the Guys and St Thomas's Charity one on childhood obesity and another on multiple long-term conditions

We have two accredited consultants who are Educational Supervisors. Two of our other three consultants are accredited Project Supervisors. We provide high quality support and supervision for registrars and other students attached to the Department including any additional teaching sessions for SpRs as needed and regular team meetings which includes continuing professional development for trainees to supplement their supervision meetings and other day-to-day project-based support as well supporting trainees in preparation for FPH examinations, curriculum training needs and portfolio development. Our main office is Lambeth Civic Centre, 2 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW which is a newly built offering modern facilities and amenities. There are good public transport links to the Civic Centre and into central and greater London. The Council provides good support for remote and home working.

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