

Information for Prospective Registrars – Southwark Council

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CONTEXT

Southwark is a densely populated, inner London borough stretching from the South Bank of the River Thames through to Canada Water (in Docklands) down to leafy Dulwich in the south. It is a highly diverse borough – in just about every respect – with high levels of deprivation interspersed with affluence – and town centres in the Borough, Elephant and Castle, Peckham and Camberwell. Southwark is a fascinating borough to work in for public health with a rich history of community engagement and innovation.

The [Public Health team](#) comprises more than 35 members of staff and is based at the Southwark Council headquarters a short walk from London Bridge stations. It is led by Sangeeta Leahy, Director of Public Health and counts four consultants including Kirsten Watters and Richard Pinder. The Public Health team sits within the wider Environment, Leisure and Public Health department.

The department has established a track record of being a [great place to train](#), hosting junior doctors from King's College Hospital, public health registrars, NHS management trainees as well as a range of public health fellows and postgraduate students. There are strong departmental links with local NHS partners including South East London Clinical Commissioning Group, Primary Care Networks, and the three large teaching hospital trusts: King's College Hospital, Guy's and St Thomas' and The Maudsley Hospital. Academically the department has strong links with the School of Public Health at Imperial College London and is one of only several departments in the country continuing to undertake and publish original research. Collaborations are also underway with King's College London and other local academic partners.

The team is very sociable – despite the pandemic. There is a strong sense of mission and a positive organisational culture that continues to be challenged by the pressures of remote working and the huge amount of work created by the pandemic.

Registrars will take on a range of projects over their time with the team, working closely with policy staff and the [knowledge and intelligence team](#). A programme of consultant-led fortnightly tutorials is provided. Trainees are also able to take part in the monthly lunchtime learning sessions and quarterly quality improvement rounds.

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