

Surrey County Council Public Health

Surrey County Council provides a friendly, lively training environment with a wide range of learning opportunities covering all dimensions of public health (health improvement, health protection, healthcare public health and public health intelligence). The council is one of the biggest in England, responsible for a population of 1.2 million living in rural and urban areas.

Registrars work with other members of the Public Health Team, other council departments, the local NHS (we have very close working relationships with our NHS colleagues in Surrey Heartlands and Frimley Integrated Care systems and have several health focused workstreams), Surrey Heartlands Academy, Public Health England and academic and voluntary sector organisations.

The Public Health Team itself has 50 staff members and is led by the Director of Public Health, Ruth Hutchinson. It has commissioning responsibilities for health improvement services, a well-established PH Intelligence and Insight Team (PHIIT), a robust commissioning support offer to NHS commissioners (including a Healthcare Public Health Team), a health protection team, and links to a dedicated healthcare integration team.

Registrars can contribute to projects on the wider determinants of health, healthy lifestyles, community development, behaviour change, children's public health, mental health, commissioning of public health services and health services, and the strategic response to health protection threats to our local population. Recent Registrar projects include the development of a prioritisation framework for local public health services, a drug and alcohol detoxification needs assessment, authoring the Annual Public Health Report, leading a public health approach to homelessness during COVID, and undertaking rapid needs assessments for populations at risk during COVID.

We can offer opportunities to shadow senior leaders, and Registrars are included in our Public Health Leadership Team alongside the DPH, Consultants and Principals.

The department strives to be a learning environment, and prior to Covid we held regular educational meetings, collaborating with neighbouring local authorities. We plan to reinstate these meetings in 2021.

We have offices in Guildford, Woking, Leatherhead, Redhill, and Reigate, and one of these will be your training base. Many of these sites are close to public transport links. We are flexible about your training base, and although some meetings may be held virtually, travel for specific pieces of work will be required as well. If you would like further information, please contact the Educational Supervisors, Dr Helen Raison helen.raison@surreycc.gov.uk or Dr Liz Saunders elizabeth.saunders@surreycc.gov.uk. Alternately ring the Business Support Team on 020 8541 7976 to arrange to speak to an Educational Supervisor. Further information is available on www.surreycc.gov.uk or www.healthysurrey.org.uk.