



## Public Health Training in London Borough of Tower Hamlets

### **Opportunities for Registrar Placements**

Tower Hamlets is a fascinating place to live and work.

It is an inner city London borough that is full of contrasts and extremes. For centuries, it has had amongst the highest levels of social deprivation in the country. However, over the past decades it has also been home to areas of great affluence such as Canary Wharf and Wapping.

Tower Hamlets has a rich history. The Tower of London and Brick Lane are in the borough. There is a legacy of successive waves of immigration including Huguenot, Jewish and Bangladeshi immigrants and also of the 19th century philanthropic movement. The Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel was founded in 1740.

The population is highly diverse, mobile and young and is changing rapidly due to both population growth and new trends in migration.

**All of this makes Tower Hamlets a fantastic location to gain public health experience. As a Division in the council, we have led innovative public health work that is recognised at London and national levels. We have a strong track record of achievement, excellent partnership working and a strong reputation for high quality analytical public health work.**

We are well established as a training location. In addition to Public Health SpRs we have Academic F2s and Sports and Exercise Medicine SpRs. We have more than enough work to address public health competencies through all phases of training.

We have strong links with the NHS including the Clinical Commissioning Group (with staff co-located in the council) as well as our local acute and mental health trusts (Barts, East London Foundation Trust). We are an integral partner of the integrated care system (Tower Hamlets Together) and the emerging Primary Care Networks.

SpRs have rich opportunities to work on major needs assessments, high level strategies, commissioning programmes, partnership development initiatives, community engagement programmes, evaluations and research collaborations. We work closely with universities including Queen Mary

University London (which is located in the borough), University College London and University of East London.

The ethos of the placement is to focus on contribution to the delivery of the priorities of the Division which are structured around six programmes (environments, communities, early years, children/adolescents, young adults and middle age/older people). These are aligned to the strategic priorities of the Council and NHS.

We make it a priority that SpR work relates to core business of the Directorate. In addition, we strongly encourage SpRs to attend the Division Senior Leadership Team meeting and to participate in routine management issues such as recruitment, budget management and contracting.

In sum, if you are up to challenging yourself as a future public health leader, Tower Hamlets offers exceptional opportunities to test yourself and develop.

*If you would like an informal discussion about the placement please contact:*

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*The placement is mainly located at:*

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*There is an additional location at:*

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Nearest tube: Bethnal Green (Central Line)*