



West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Public Health Registrar training opportunities

Are you interested making a difference to the health and wellbeing of over 820 000 people? Then come and join us in West Sussex County Council's strong and innovative Public Health Department?

The team is currently working remotely and usually based in Chichester (with another HQ in Horsham and other bases across the county). Situated on the south coast, West Sussex is a beautiful and varied county which spans from Gatwick Airport and Crawley in the north to the southern coastal towns of Worthing, Littlehampton and Bognor Regis and the cathedral city of Chichester. The South Downs National Park crosses the county. Public health practice in West Sussex offers opportunities to work at scale and in urban, rural and multi-cultural areas. There is a growing ageing population and small areas with some of the highest levels of deprivation in England. **Alison Challenger** took up position as Director of Public Health in early 2021.



West Sussex Partnerships - working with a broad range of partner organisations

- West Sussex County Council is a two tier local authority with a strong ethos of partnership working.
- The Public Health function is integrated across the Council with public health staff members embedded in most directorates (including sustainability) and in West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group.
- We also work with a wide range of partners (NHS commissioners and providers, seven Districts and Borough Councils and the voluntary and community sector).
- Our large health intelligence team and other staff members are linked to Brighton and Chichester universities.

West Sussex - an established training location offering experienced support

- West Sussex has an established track record in specialist public health training; previous trainees have gone on to achieve exam and career success. Discussion with recent trainees can be arranged.
- We currently host a Health Education England population health management fellow and recently hosted our first GP trainee.
- Training opportunities are available across health protection, health improvement and health and care public health and the ten key areas of public health practice.

Recent trainee projects have included:

- Health needs assessments, service evaluations, campaign work with communications (including multiple media channels), presentations at partnership meetings and drafting and contributing to the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.
- Trainees have taken part in recruitment and interviews for new staff; experience supervising staff members can be gained as well as exposure to commissioning and budget management.
- COVID related work includes data analysis and presentation, coordinating the local tracing partnership, community testing, collaboration with the mass vaccination programme and communications activities.

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