

Job Description: Consultant in Public Health

CONSULTANT IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Employing organisation:	Cambridgeshire County Council
Title:	Consultant in Public Health/Consultant in Public Health Medicine (Full Time/Part Time/Job Share)
Accountable to:	The post-holder will be dually accountable: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ professionally to the employing authority <i>Cambridgeshire County Council</i>○ managerially to the employing organisation via the line manager, Director of Public Health
Grade:	NHS Agenda for Change Scale 9 equivalent at Local Authority Scale

Strategically responsible for: These senior public health roles are for those who have completed higher specialty training in public health or equivalent and are on the GMC/GDC Specialist Register or UK Public Health (Specialist) Register

To provide high level senior public health leadership across a range of population level activities across the council and wider partnerships. Three consultants in the team will initially cover the following portfolios, although this may be subject to change depending on business need: 1. Maternal and reproductive health, children and young people, health protection, sexual health; 2. Ill health prevention, CVD, inclusion health, older people; 3. healthy place, social determinants of health, health intelligence, research and evaluation

Managerially responsibility: 7 people and budget covering children and young people commissioning in the first instance

1. Appointment

This is a post for a CPH/CPHM *for a 6 month interim*. The post-holder is a health professional treating a population/communities in Cambridgeshire.

The directorate has three consultants who will cover key strategic areas of work, as follows:

Children and young people, maternal and reproductive health, sexual health, health protection:

- This post will be the strategic lead for partnership with the children's, education and families directorate, and have overall responsibility for public health strategic direction on this portfolio. Delegated responsibility from the DPH for health protection oversight, escalating where needed. Overall oversight of sexual health, healthy child programme, and healthy schools programme strategic commissioning and delivery to meet outcome measures. Partnerships and relationships relevant to portfolio areas will be key, and chairing partnership boards such as health in schools and health protection board.

Ill health prevention, behaviour change, CVD, inclusion health, older people, mental health:

- This post will be the strategic lead for partnership with the Strategy and Partnerships Directorate, to ensure strategic connection on linked portfolios across the team. Oversight of the behaviour change and drug and alcohol, and NHS Health Checks strategic commissioning. Strategic delivery of programmes of work across tobacco, obesity, physical activity, falls prevention, mental health, drug and alcohol, suicide prevention, and other inclusion health groups. Lead for CVD early identification and prevention programmes. Lead for partnership groups related to portfolio

Healthy place (built and natural environment) including influencing planning policy, gambling, transport; social determinants of health including poverty, employment and business, housing, research and evaluation, health intelligence.

- This post will be strategic lead for partnership to place and sustainability directorate, looking for opportunities for joint working and embedding public health approaches, as well as strategic lead for relationship with the Mayoral Combined Authority. Strategic leadership on developing public health research and evaluation capacity and capability across the directorate and wider council and approaches to shaping the research agenda and research into practice. Strategic oversight of health intelligence, across to the policy and insight directorate where the health intelligence team is located. Cross-directorate working and strategic collaboration will be vital.

As we transition to the new structure, an interim/locum post of 6 months is required to cover the children and young people portfolio, and likely to also lead some transition into the full portfolio.

2. Job Summary

The post holder will have a senior role in the local health and wellbeing community.

The post holder will lead and support the strategic development, commissioning, delivery, evaluation and performance management of programmes, services and interventions designed to improve health and reduce health inequalities in Cambridgeshire. This will include:

- Commissioning public health services for across the public health statutory and non-statutory services. This includes, depending on the consultant portfolio - the Healthy Child Programme; public health services or initiatives that are delivered through early years or school settings; sexual health services; drug and alcohol services; NHS health checks; behavior change services.
- Senior and strategic leadership against within their portfolio – overall responsibility for work areas related to specific strategic priorities, outcome measures, and health inequality measures within that portfolio area
- Working with partners within the council and across the health and care system to enhance prevention and early intervention opportunities
- Working with a range of partners to effectively support the delivery of health services and interventions
- Act as key strategic partner for a directorate within the council, depending on the portfolio of the post
- Have responsibility for delivery of areas within the public health strategic plan and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough health and wellbeing strategy
- Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Ability to contribute to our organisational commitment to becoming a Net Zero organisation by 2030.

The consultant will form part of a small senior management team working directly to the Director of Public Health, and will work as part of a public health team and system committed to improving health and wellbeing in Cambridgeshire.

On behalf of the local authority, the post-holder working with the DPH and other consultant colleagues will lead on improving the health and wellbeing of the residents which is underpinned by the statutory duty placed on local government to take such steps as it considers appropriate to improve health of its residents. The post-holder will take responsibility for a strategic objective of the local authority and the Health & Wellbeing Board and act as a change agent to enable delivery of relevant outcome indicators from the public health, NHS and social care outcome frameworks. The post-holder will be expected to work across organisations, be able to influence budgets held by those organisations as well as advocate for change effectively, to improve population and planetary health. They will hold direct managerial responsibility for services and budgets which directly contribute to these objectives but they will usually also have substantially greater strategic responsibilities across the council and other agencies.

Strategic objectives

The work will include working across the entire Council, NHS bodies (the Council has a statutory duty to provide public health advice to ICSs and the Council's Health and Wellbeing Board has a coordinating role for the whole of the health and care system) and other partner agencies. It will also involve influencing private sector, voluntary sector and community sector organisations that can impact on health, both currently and into future generations, and influencing the attitudes and behaviour both of professionals and of the population generally.

In delivering the strategic objectives the post-holder will be expected to demonstrate expertise in the full range of relevant competencies as set out by the Faculty of Public Health. This includes evaluation techniques, policy analysis and translation and ability to communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders including politicians. In addition to any direct responsibility for managing staff or budgets, he/she will be responsible for change and improvement in the agreed areas of work and for supporting the delivery of the statutory duty of the Council to take the steps it considers necessary to improve the health of its communities.

On behalf of the authority to take responsibility for ensuring delivery of the public health mandated services such that the full range of benefits are delivered to residents of the authority. These services include; sexual health services, Healthy Child Programme, National Child Measurement Programme and specialist public health support to ICSs and this will include taking responsibility for the relevant outcome indicators within the UKHSA, OHID, NHS (and Social Care) Outcome frameworks and working across organisational boundaries.

To lead work across all Council directorates as well as influencing partnership boards (dealing with health determinants) to maximise health improvement opportunities and the reduction of inequalities in health outcomes amongst residents, both currently and for future generations. This will include using the Outcome Frameworks as well as exploring other relevant routinely collected data systems for suitable indicators.

To lead on improving health and social outcomes for a particular client groups; early years, children, working adults, older adults, learning disabilities, mental health etc.

3. The employing organisation and other organisations within the scope of the work

see website links

4. Public Health Arrangements

4.1 Current staffing of the Department/Directorate of Public Health

Team structure available on request

4.2 Resources

The post-holder working with the DPH will be expected to make best use of both public health department resources as well as influence the resources in the Council as a whole.

4.3. Training and CPD arrangements

The department is an approved training location.

5. The strategic responsibility and key tasks

The range of duties expected of the post-holder include:

6. Taking responsibility for a range of public health issues and work across organisational and professional boundaries acting as a change agent managing complexity to deliver improvements in health and wellbeing
7. Providing briefings on the health and wellbeing needs of local communities to Councillors, Council Officers, ICSs, the third sector, the public and partners. Where required to so, the post-holder will provide verbal briefing to Councillors, other colleagues and stakeholders in person which may be at short notice
8. Taking responsibility for development, implementation and delivery of policies. This may include taking the lead in developing detailed inter-agency and interdisciplinary strategic plans and programmes based on needs assessments which may lead to service specifications. The post-holder will be expected to contribute appropriately to the procurement process
9. Providing expert public health support and whole system leadership to ensure an evidence-based approach for commissioning and developing high quality equitable services, within and across a range of organisations including voluntary, public and private sector. This includes the health service component of the mandated core service. This will include expertise in evaluation and development of appropriate KPIs
10. Utilising (and if appropriate developing) information and intelligence systems to underpin public health action across disciplines and organisations. This may include providing leadership for collation and interpretation of relevant data including production of the JSNA. Working with the DPH, this will include the integration of the appropriate elements of the public health, NHS and social care outcomes frameworks within the systems developed by the local authority as well as with relevant partner organisations
11. Supporting the DPH in the development and implementation of robust strategies for improving the health and wellbeing of local communities including ensuring qualitative and/or quantitative measurements are in place to demonstrate improvements. This may include taking responsibility for the judicious use of the ring fenced public health grant and/or working with ICSs, Trusts, the contractor professions and UKHSA
12. Providing the key local authority link to the research community, providing advice/support to colleagues and co-ordinating appropriate access to scientific information. The post-holder will be expected to take part in relevant research networks and to influence research programmes of such networks so that the research needs of the local authority are taken into account
13. Taking responsibility for the training obligations of the directorate, including becoming the Educational Supervisor. These duties will be agreed jointly with the relevant Head of the School of Public Health
14. Underpinning much of these duties are public health tasks such as;
15. Undertaking health needs assessments as required to enable actions to be taken to improve the health of the local population

16. Developing prioritisation techniques and managing their application to policies, services and to help resolve issues such as the investment-disinvestment debate
17. Effective communication of complex concepts, science and data and their implications for local communities, to a range of stakeholders with very different backgrounds
18. Understanding of evaluation frameworks and applying those frameworks to the benefit of local communities
19. A capacity to apply the scientific body of knowledge on public health to the policies and services necessary to improve health, both currently and for future generations, and to formulate clear practical evidence-based recommendations
20. The understanding of human and organisational behaviour and the application of this knowledge to the achievement of change
21. Inspire commitment to public health outcomes and to prevention as a core feature of public sector reform.

22. Management arrangements and responsibilities (amend as appropriate)

The post-holder will be professionally accountable to the employing authority and managerially accountable to the employing authority via their line manager, usually the Director of Public Health or equivalent. Professional appraisal will be required. An initial job plan will be agreed with the successful candidate prior to that individual taking up the post based on the draft job plan attached. This job plan will be reviewed as part of the annual job planning process.

The post-holder:

- 6.1 will manage a team of 7 individuals
- 6.2 will manage budgets covering healthy child programme and other children's budget and be an authorised signatory.
- 6.3 will be expected to deputise for the Director as required

23. Professional obligations

These include:

- 7.1 Participate in the organisation's staff appraisal scheme and quality improvement programme, and ensure appraisal and development of any staff for which s/he is responsible
- 7.2 Contribute actively to the training programme for Foundation Year Doctors/ Specialty Registrars in Public Health and LAs management trainees as appropriate, and to the training of practitioners and primary care professionals within the locality In agreement with the DPH, becoming an Educational Supervisor.
- 7.3 Undertake an annual professional appraisal including completion of a programme of CPD, in accordance with Faculty of Public Health requirements, or other recognised body, and undertake revalidation, audit or other measures required to remain on the GMC/GDC Specialist Register or the UK Public Health (Specialist) Register or other specialist register as appropriate. In agreement with the DPH, contribute to the wider the public health professional system by becoming an appraiser or practitioner appraiser for a specified period of time.
- 7.4 In agreement with the DPH contribute as an appraiser or practitioner appraiser to the professional appraisal system.
- 7.5 Practise in accordance with all relevant sections of the General Medical Council's Good Medical Practice (if medically qualified) and the Faculty of Public Health's Good Public Health Practice and UKPHR requirements
- 7.6 Contribute to medical professional leadership within the health system
- 7.7 It is a duty of a health professional to foster scientific integrity, freedom of scientific publications, and freedom of debate on health matters, and public health professionals have a further responsibility to promote good governance and open government.
- 7.8 Public health practice must be carried out within the ethical framework of the health professions.

- 7.9 The post-holder will be expected to maintain effective, courageous, and responsible public health advocacy

These professional obligations should be reflected in the job plan. The post-holder may also have external professional responsibilities, e.g. in respect of training or work for the Faculty of Public Health. Time allocation for these additional responsibilities will need to be agreed with the line manager.

24. Personal Qualities

The post-holder will deal with complex public health and wellbeing challenges in a multi-organisational environment with widely differing governance and finance system and organizational cultures. It is expected that the post-holder will be able to cope with such circumstances as well as multiple and changing demands, and to meet tight deadlines. A high level of intellectual rigour, political awareness and negotiation and motivation skills as well as flexibility and sensitivity are required. The post holder will advise the health and wellbeing board and make recommendations regarding services, residents' care and wider determinants of health and therefore a high level of tact, diplomacy and leadership is required including the ability work within the local political and at the same time maintain the ability to challenge and advocate for effective working and on specific issues in order to achieve public health outcomes. The achievement of public health outcomes and the successful pursuit of change are the purpose of the job and the metric against which performance will be assessed.

Appendix 1: FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES

(Based on the 2022 PH Specialty Training Curriculum)

Use of public health intelligence to survey and assess a population's health and wellbeing

To be able to synthesise data from multiple sources on the surveillance or assessment of a population's health and wellbeing and on the wider environment, so that the evidence can be communicated clearly and inform action planning to improve population health outcomes.

Assessing the evidence of effectiveness of interventions, programmes and services intended to improve the health or wellbeing of individuals or populations

To be able to use a range of resources to generate and communicate appropriately evidenced and informed recommendations for improving population health across operational and strategic health and care settings.

Policy and strategy development and implementation

To be able to influence and contribute to the development of policy as well as lead the development and implementation of a strategy.

Strategic leadership and collaborative working for health

To use a range of effective strategic leadership, organisational and management skills, in a variety of complex public health situations and contexts, dealing effectively with uncertainty and the unexpected to achieve public health goals.

Health Improvement, Determinants of Health and Health Communications

To influence and act on the broad determinants, behaviours and environmental factors influencing health at a system, community and individual level to improve and promote the health of current and future generations. To be proactive in addressing health inequalities and prioritising the most vulnerable or disadvantaged groups in the population.

Health Protection

To identify, assess and communicate risks associated with hazards relevant to health protection, and to lead and co-ordinate the appropriate public health response. To understand how those risks associated with hazards relevant to health protection may be influenced by climate change and environmental degradation currently and in the future.

Health and Care Public Health

To be able to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, safety, reliability, responsiveness, sustainability and equity of health and care services through applying insights from multiple sources including formal research, health surveillance, needs analysis, service monitoring and evaluation.

Academic public health

To add an academic perspective to all public health work undertaken. Specifically to be able to critically appraise evidence to inform policy and practice, identify evidence gaps with strategies to address these gaps, undertake research activities of a standard that is publishable in peer-reviewed journals, and demonstrate competence in teaching and learning across all areas of public health practice.

Professional, personal and ethical development

To be able to shape, pursue actively and evaluate your own personal and professional development, using insight into your own behaviours and attitudes and their impact to modify behaviour and to practise within the framework of the GMC's Good Medical Practice (as used for appraisal and revalidation for consultants in public health) and the UKPHR's Code of Conduct.

Integration and application of competencies for consultant practice

To be able to demonstrate the consistent use of sound judgment to select from a range of advanced public health expertise and skills, and to use them effectively, working at senior organisational levels, to deliver improved population health in complex and unpredictable environments.

SPECIMEN PERSON SPECIFICATION: Amend as appropriate**CONSULTANT IN PUBLIC HEALTH /CONSULTANT IN PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE**

<LA name>

IMPORTANT: This person specification contains changes introduced in amendments made to the NHS (Appointment of Consultants) Regulations for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales which came into force during 2005. Further amended in June 2015, and September 2018		
Education/Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
The National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) Regulations 1996 (legislation.gov.uk) In line with legislation, inclusion in the GMC Full and Specialist Register with a license to practice/GDC Specialist List or inclusion in the UK Public Health Register (UKPHR) for Public Health Specialists at the point of application.	X	
<i>If included in the GMC Specialist Register/GDC Specialist List in a specialty other than public health medicine/dental public health, candidates must have equivalent training and/or appropriate experience of public health practice</i>	X	
Public health specialty registrar applicants who are not yet on the GMC Specialist Register, UKPHR register or GDC Specialist List in dental public health must provide verifiable signed documentary evidence that they are within 6 months of gaining entry to a register at the date of interview	X	
If an applicant is UK trained in Public Health, they must ALSO be a holder of a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT), or be within six months of award of CCT by date of interview. If an applicant is non-UK trained, they will be required to show evidence of equivalence to the UK CCT [see shortlisting notes below for additional guidance]	X	
Applicants must meet minimum CPD requirements (i.e. be up to date) in accordance with Faculty of Public Health requirements or other recognised body	X	
MFPH by examination, by exemption or by assessment, or equivalent	X	
Masters in Public Health or equivalent		X
Personal qualities		
Able to influence senior members including directors and CEOs	X	
Able to both lead teams and to able to contribute effectively in teams led by junior colleagues	X	
Commitment to work within a political system irrespective of personal political affiliations	X	
Experience		
Delivery of successful change management programmes across organizational boundaries	X	
Media experience demonstrating delivery of effective health behaviour or health promotion messages		X
Experience of using complex information to explain public health issues to a range of audiences	X	
Skills		
Strategic thinker with proven leadership skills and operational nous	X	
Able to demonstrate and motivate organisations to contribute to improving the public's health and wellbeing through mainstream activities and within resources	X	
Ability to lead and manage the response successfully in unplanned and unforeseen circumstances	X	
Analytical skills able to utilize both qualitative (including health economics) and quantitative information	X	
Ability to design, develop, interpret and implement strategies and policies	X	
Knowledge		
In depth understanding of the health and care system and the relationships with both local national government	X	
In depth knowledge of methods of developing clinical quality assurance, quality improvement, evaluations and evidence based public health practice	X	
Strong and demonstrable understanding of interfaces between health, social care and key partners (dealing with wider determinants of health)	X	
Understanding of the public sector duty and the inequality duty and their application to public health practice	X	

Shortlisting notes

1. Applicants in training grades

1.1 Medical and dental applicants

All medical/dental applicants must have Full and Specialist registration (with a license to practice) with the General Medical Council or General Dental Council (GMC/GDC) **or be eligible for registration within six months of interview.** Once a candidate is a holder of the Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT), registration with the relevant register is guaranteed.

Applicants that are UK trained must ALSO be a holder of a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) **or be within six months of award of CCT** by date of interview demonstrated by a letter from their Training Programme Director (TPD).

1.2 Non-Medical Applicants in training programme

All non-medical applicants must be registered with the UKPHR or be within six months of registration at the date of the interview. Applicants must provide proof (letter of confirmation from their TPD or the CCT) at interview.

2. Applicants in non-training grades

Applicants that are non-UK trained, will be required to show evidence of equivalence to the UK CCT.

Applicants from a medical background will be expected to have gained full specialist registration with the GMC through the Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) route.

Applicants from a background other than medicine are expected to have gained full specialist registration with the UKPHR at the point of application.

Employers are advised that individuals should not take up consultant in public health posts (including DPH posts) until such point as they have gained entry to the GMC Specialist Register/GDC Specialist List in dental public health/UK Public Health (Specialist) Register. Although applicants will be able to provide documentary evidence that an application is in progress, no guarantee can be made as to the outcome of an application to the GMC/GDC/UKPHR specialist registers. The exception to this is when the candidate holds the CCT.

The above guidance applies to applications for both general and defined specialist registration with the UKPHR. Individuals with defined specialist registration are eligible for consideration for shortlisting for, and appointment to, consultant posts including those at DPH level. In all appointments, employers will wish to ensure that an applicant's areas of competence meet those required in the person specification.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Local authority employers should add the following as appropriate to their policies and procedures.

Terms and conditions of service

Authorities may:

- (a) Use health service medical and dental contracts for all applicants
- (b) Use health service medical and dental consultant contracts for doctors and dentists and Agenda for Change contracts for other specialists (but this is not recommended after the introduction of statutory registration).
- (c) Use local authority conditions modified to reflect professional obligations

On call arrangements

The post-holder may be expected to be on call for health protection and public health and to participate in the communicable disease and environmental hazards control and emergency planning arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council. Suitable training will be provided for those who need it in discussion with the UK Health Security Agency. The post holder should be trained in EPRR and be able to support their organisation's responsibilities as a Cat 1 responder (including participation in STAC or other rotas depending on local arrangements).

Indemnity

As the post-holder will only be indemnified for duties undertaken on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council the post-holder is strongly advised to ensure that he/she has appropriate professional defence organisation cover for duties outside the scope of the Cambridgeshire County Council and for private activity within Cambridgeshire County Council. For on call duties provided to other organisations as part of cross cover out of hours arrangements the Cambridgeshire County Council has confirmed that those organisations will provide indemnity for the post-holder. These arrangements may differ across the four countries.

Flexibility

The post-holder may, with their agreement - which should not reasonably be withheld - be required to undertake other duties which fall within the grading of the post to meet the needs of this new and developing service. The employing organisation is currently working in a climate of great change. It is therefore expected that all staff will develop flexible working practices both within any relevant local public health networks and at other organisational levels as appropriate, to be able to meet the challenges and opportunities of working in public health within the new and existing structures.

Confidentiality

A consultant has an obligation not to disclose (other than in accordance with GMC guidelines) any information of a confidential nature concerning patients, employees, contractors or the confidential business of the organisation.

Public Interest Disclosure

Should a consultant have cause for genuine concern about an issue (including one that would normally be subject to the above paragraph) and believes that disclosure would be in the public interest, he or she has a duty of candour and should have a right to speak out and be afforded statutory protection and should follow local procedures for disclosure of information in the public interest.

Data protection

If required to do so, the post-holder will obtain, process and/or use information held on a computer or word processor in a fair and lawful way. The post-holder will hold data only for the specified registered purpose and use or disclose data only to authorised persons or organisations as instructed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Health and safety

Employees must be aware of the responsibilities placed on them by the Health & Safety at Work Act (1974) and its amendments and by food hygiene legislation to ensure that the agreed safety procedures are carried out to maintain a safe condition for employees, patients and visitors.

Smoking policy (amend as appropriate)

The employing organisation has a policy that smoking is not allowed in the workplace.

Equal opportunities policy

It is the aim of the employing organisation to ensure that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on grounds of gender, religion, race, colour, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic or national origins or disability or is placed at a disadvantage by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable. To this end, there is an Equal Opportunities Policy in place and it is for each employee to contribute to its success.