

Profile of Cheshire and Merseyside as a Training Sub Programme

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1. Local Authority Placements

Cheshire and Merseyside offers registrars training placements in a diverse mixture of Local Authorities, offering the potential to work in areas of affluence and deprivation and both urban and rural locations.

For example, Liverpool offers registrars experience of the challenges of working to improve public health within a dense urban population, while, by contrast, East Cheshire offers registrars a different public health challenge of working to improve the health of a more rural population.

The region also encompasses the industrial areas of Warrington, Halton and St Helens and West Cheshire and coastal regions such as Sefton and the Wirral, all of which contain a diverse mixture of both deprived and affluent areas.



2. Public Health England

Cheshire and Merseyside offices of Public Health England North West offer training in the area of health protection, environmental public health and emergency planning. There is also the opportunity for trainees to become involved in regional epidemiology work, healthcare public health and health improvement from a PHE perspective.

Cheshire and Merseyside Immunisation, Vaccination and Screening Team led by Daniel Seddon (previously Head of School) The team offers training in commissioning and delivery of local immunisation and screening programmes; and provides the opportunity to work with Public Health England, NHS England and local authorities on the wider footprint.

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/459421/PHE_North_West_Business_Plan_2015_to_2016.pdf

3. Academic

The University of Liverpool runs the Master of Public Health course, which many of the specialty registrars undertake in their first year. Regular academic fora are held for Registrars to present their work. This University also provides academic tutors for all registrars in Cheshire and Merseyside.

Several other academic institutions in Cheshire and Merseyside have public health interests working closely with the Public Health training programme; including the North West Public Health Observatory part of Public Health England's Knowledge and Intelligence Team based in Liverpool and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, situated in central Liverpool offers training opportunities in the field of international health and infectious diseases.

4. Other Training Opportunities

Liverpool Community Health offers training within a provider organisation
<http://www.liverpoolcommunityhealth.nhs.uk/>

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust provides registrars with the opportunity to experience practicing public health within an acute trust setting and become involved with commissioning NHS services
<http://www.whnt.nhs.uk/>

NHS England (Specialised Commissioning) offers training opportunities in specialised commissioning
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/>

The Cheshire & Merseyside Collaborative Service (formerly CHaMPs) co-ordinates public health development sessions on key topics such as health inequalities and health promotion, which Cheshire and Merseyside registrars can attend. There are also opportunities for registrars to work on public health projects across local authorities; and can be based within the service for senior trainee leadership experience
<http://www.champspublichealth.com/>