

TAMESIDE COUNCIL TRAINING LOCATION

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC)

Tameside is one of ten metropolitan boroughs that make up Greater Manchester. It lies between Manchester and the Pennines. Tameside has a population of around 235,000 and includes the towns of Ashton-under-Lyne, Audenshaw, Denton, Droylsden, Dukinfield, Hyde, Mossley, Longdendale and Stalybridge.

Tameside faces some substantial public health challenges. Tameside suffers from relatively high levels of deprivation: ranked 44th most deprived borough nationally (IMD 2025). Child poverty is worse than average for England and the North West, and has continued to increase. Rates of early death have improved, but there are still big differences in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between Tameside and other parts of the country, and the most and least deprived areas of Tameside.

Tameside has a history of good integrated working across the wider system. There has been a period of substantial change in the council and other parts of the system in the last 1-2 years. The council currently has a focus on improvement and setting ambitious visions for priorities such as growth and health and wellbeing. The implementation of the Live Well programme in Tameside, as well as the further development of the Neighbourhood Health offer present further opportunities for exciting work and improvements for Tameside residents in the coming months.

There has recently been renewed investment and focus on our relationship with the Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector in Tameside, which Public Health lead.

While the healthcare system in Tameside experiences high levels of demand and challenges, there are good examples of services working differently to support people's needs. There are four Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in Tameside, which public health work closely with. Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust run the local hospital, Tameside General, as well as some of the community services, including our community infection prevention and control team and 0-19 service (health visiting & school nursing). Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust deliver the mental health and learning disability services in Tameside and other parts of GM. We have established relationships with both trusts and work closely with them as a health and care system.

The Chief Executive of the council is Emma Alexander who joined the organisation in October 2025. Emma is also the Place Based Lead for Tameside, as part of the GM ICB.

There is a well-established Health & Wellbeing Board for Tameside with a dedicated Charter committing to preventative approaches, collaborative working, focusing on the wider determinants of health and tackling inequalities. These themes also run through the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy and Locality Plan for Tameside.

The Tameside Public Health Team

The Public Health team sits within Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and carries out key public health commissioning as well as broader, system-wide strategic population health work. Public Health sits as part of the Adults directorate within the council, with the Director of Public Health reporting to the Strategic Director of Adults and the Chief Executive of the council. Like many other councils, we currently have a hybrid approach to the workplace with a mix of home working and coming in to the

office, which is primarily at Tameside One in the centre of Ashton-under-Lyne. Our senior team spend 2 days a week in the office on average, but this varies across the team.

We are a friendly, energetic team, led by our Director of Public Health James Mallion who has worked in Tameside for a number of years. We have two educational supervisors in the team, James Mallion (DPH) who is the lead trainer, and Dr Anne Whittington (Consultant in Public Health). James and Anne both came to their roles in the Public Health team in Tameside after qualifying through the training scheme. James has lots of experience working in local government, particularly in Tameside and Anne has experience working clinically in the NHS. There are a diverse range of roles and experience across the team with staff working in a matrix approach as well as some staff having more specialist roles and areas. There is also an in-house Health Improvement service as part of Tameside's Public Health team, which is called Be Well. This is the front line health and wellbeing service offering smoking cessation, weight management, NHS Health Checks and other support for residents across the community.

Registrars can expect to be both challenged and supported during their time at Tameside. Whether in early stages of training with the MPH, Faculty exams and StR network responsibilities, or in latter stages of training looking to meet key competencies and get vital experience working up to consultant level. We are keen to tailor work around your learning to ensure you gain the experience you need. We have supported trainees at both ends of the training scheme, including in 'acting consultant' roles.

Relevant public health reports, strategies and recent needs assessments can be found on our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment webpage [here](#).

Training Opportunities in Tameside

Our position in both the council and the wider system, having close links to other services and local partners, including the health and care sector, means that there are a wide range of opportunities for placements in Tameside. And as part of Greater Manchester and the North West, there are opportunities to get involved in a huge range of projects at different levels as we work closely with the GM Integrated Care Board, including the Population Health team, the GM Combined Authority and colleagues in relevant teams in UKHSA and OHID.

The Tameside Public Health team covers a wide range of work areas. These span the life-course, as well as addressing key areas of commissioning such as substance misuse; sexual health; health visiting and starting well. The team has a high profile within the organisation and works closely with a number of services including Children's Services; Adults Services; Community Safety; Environmental Health; employment & Skills; Planning; Licensing; Policy. There are some wider areas of work which Public Health leads on in Tameside, which may not be the case in all areas. These include Domestic Abuse; Poverty; Voluntary sector; and Serious Violence. As part of our lead role with the VCFSE sector, we are also currently commissioning a new community navigation and community development service which is an exciting new area of work. There are many inequalities and issues associated with high levels of deprivation across the borough, which create lots of opportunities for meaningful and challenging work.

Public health intelligence analysis is at the heart of how we work in Tameside, and there are opportunities to develop skills in the analysis and use of health data to guide public health work including health needs assessments and contributing to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

The DPH for Tameside is also the lead across Greater Manchester around violence reduction, on behalf of the other DsPH. As part of this role, he works closely with the GM Violence Reduction Unit. While the VRU do not currently offer a full time placement for StRs, they have hosted these in the past and we could also look at offering shared placements between Tameside MBC and the GM VRU where people have this interest. This could be anything from a small project up to 2 days per week in the VRU. This could be discussed further depending on interests.

The team have good links across all our partners which provides learning opportunities around building strong professional relationships across the system, as well as the opportunity to work with a wide range of people. Our strong relationships across partners such as the police, fire & rescue service and housing associations, as well as departments within the council such as work & skills and environmental health mean there are many opportunities to work on improving the wider determinants of health.

Recent SpR Projects:

- **Supporting Primary Care Networks on specific projects (hypertension case finding & evaluation; implementation of new locally commissioned service)**
- **Leading stakeholder engagement around wider workforce domestic abuse training**
- **Supporting research and writing of local suicide audit**
- **Gambling-related harm lead (cross-GM work)**
- **Policy development around alcohol licensing**
- **Health Needs Assessments (Drugs & Alcohol Hidden Harm; Sexual Health; Domestic Abuse)**
- **Health Protection – MMR immunisation uptake review / Covid-19 outbreak plan development and contact tracing**
- **Supporting development of suicide prevention strategy and working group**
- **Supporting development of Falls Prevention Strategy**

The Office and Travel

Tameside One is our main office, located in Ashton-under-Lyne town centre. As mentioned above, we currently have hybrid working arrangements. All of the larger council meetings are now held in-person but smaller day-to-day meetings may be a mix of in-person or on Teams. There is opportunity to base yourself in the office full time should you wish to do so, but most of the team split their week between home and office working. We also have a separate office base for the Be Well Health Improvement team. Registrars would be expected to follow a similar arrangement and to attend the office for in-person meetings where necessary (or by personal preference) but will likely also spend time working from home.

Tameside is a great placement for sustainable travel with links into Manchester Victoria via train (12 minutes), Manchester Piccadilly via tram (30-35 minutes) or over to Huddersfield and Leeds in the opposite direction on the train. The tram and train stations in Ashton are both a 2 minute walk from the council building.

Tameside council's head office at Tameside One in Ashton-under-Lyne includes secure bike storage inside the building, showers and lockers which can be used to store clothing if you cycle/walk/run commute. It is close to the town centre and less than a mile from Stamford park for a lunch time walk.

The council also have buildings in some of the other towns in Tameside and occasionally meetings will be held in these locations as well (particularly Dukinfield and Hyde Town Halls)

Statements from current and former trainees

Evangelie Dunn

I was on placement at Tameside during my ST1 and ST2 years in the training scheme, during which I was given the opportunity to undertake a broad variety of projects which were tailored to my learning needs, working with internal and external stakeholders across the health and care system in Tameside. Through this I was able to develop a number of skills including those relating to health needs assessment, teaching, stakeholder engagement, commissioning and policy development. The team at Tameside were extremely welcoming and the educational supervision was always focussed upon my development needs and interests, as well as facilitating my commitments around the MPH, Diplomate exam and StR Network roles. Evangelie.dunn1@nhs.net

Simon Watts

I have been with Tameside for 16 months having joined as an ST1. I have really enjoyed my time here and have been given responsibility for a number of projects that have fit well with other registrar commitments, such as the MPH and Part A. The supervision has been really supportive and there has been a real focus on work that will build my experience, as well as contributing to the wider local agenda. The projects I have worked on have helped my development, allowed me to build my networks across the strategic commission and have made me feel like I've made a real impact to the local population. It is a really friendly and welcoming team, which I quickly came to feel part of. Simon.richard.watts@gmail.com

Steven Senior

This was my first post on the training scheme. I have had challenging and meaningful projects to work on, particularly analysing admissions data with support from the public health intelligence lead. I have had the opportunity to present my findings to senior audiences and feel that I have been able to have an impact right from the start of my training. steven.senior@nhs.net

For further information or for an informal discussion about coming to work in Tameside, please feel free to contact:

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