

Training Prospectus: Integrated Training Placement Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust & Wigan Council

Introduction

This integrated placement offers a unique opportunity to work across both Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust (WWL) and Wigan Council, contributing directly to system-wide approaches to healthcare public health and health protection. Its cross-organisational design places you at the forefront of testing and shaping new models of integrated working, and you will benefit from the perspectives and opportunities of two different teams.

In this role, you will operate in the space where clinical services meet population health. You will act as the public health expert, collaborating with a wide range of clinical and non-clinical stakeholders, and using your leadership skills to influence thinking, shape practice and advocate for public health approaches in a provider environment.

You will have the chance to lead projects and programmes of work and contribute to strategic efforts that support a prevention-focused approach to improving population health outcomes and addressing health inequalities.

This placement will deepen your understanding of how healthcare is delivered and give you first-hand experience of the opportunities and challenges involved in embedding public health principles within healthcare.

About WWL

WWL is a medium-sized, acute and community foundation trust within the Greater Manchester footprint. The Trust provides healthcare to a local

population of 326,000 and delivers specialist services to a much wider regional, national, and international catchment area.

Community services are delivered across multiple locations, including patients' homes, while acute services are based across five main sites:

- **Wrightington Hospital** – an internationally renowned specialist orthopaedic centre.
- **Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (RAEI)** – the main district general hospital in central Wigan, home to the Emergency Department and most inpatient services.
- **Leigh Infirmary** – providing elective diagnostics and rehabilitation services.
- **Thomas Linacre Centre** – hosts outpatient clinics.
- **Boston House** – home to ophthalmology and several community services including physiotherapy.

The WWL team is friendly, ambitious, and well-connected to the Wigan system. You may work with colleagues across clinical divisions, transformation and continuous improvement, research, data and analytics, and workforce development.

Find out more by reading the Trust's annual report: [WWL Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust | Annual Report](#)

About Wigan Council Public Health

Given the integrated nature of this role, you will also be part of Wigan Council's public health team. The team work collaboratively and supportively to get things done, within an organisation which has strong political and managerial leadership and real ambition to improve health outcomes for residents. The team were shortlisted for UKPHR employer of the year 2024 and 2025, and are advocates for continued professional development. You can find out more by reading the Wigan Council Pen Picture.

Placement Location

You will work across multiple sites in Wigan, with most activity based in Wigan town centre. Office space is available to ensure you are located alongside the teams you support and work closely with. There is flexibility in where you work, depending on project needs and your preferred working style, with a blend of hybrid and face-to-face working opportunities.

Key Locations:

- **Buck Row:** An NHS office based in Wigan Town Centre, housing transformation, continuous improvement, and data and analytics teams, where there is always space available in the open-plan office. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are typically the busiest days, offering good opportunities for networking and collaboration.
- **Wigan Council Life Centre South:** This is the base for the Wigan Council Public Health team. Tuesdays are a popular office day for the team, but you will find people in the office on most days.
- **Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (RAEI):** Days onsite can be coordinated with your Educational Supervisor or colleagues to align with meetings and your work with clinical teams.

Training Opportunities

This placement is most suitable for phase 2 of training. We can offer a flexible work programme that is tailored to your interests, learning needs, and career aspirations. You may wish to:

- Contribute to the development and delivery of trust-wide health inequalities and prevention strategies e.g. support the implementation of the Trust's Health Inequalities and Prevention Plan.
- Represent public health at trust-level, and wider system, committees and groups.
- Act as the public health lead for a clinical department or programme of work.
- Work with clinical services to identify and address healthcare inequalities to improve equity in access, experience and outcomes in services and pathways.

- Integrate a health inequalities focus into business-as-usual functions (Research and Development, Clinical Audit, Patient Safety, Transformation).
- Contribute to a programme of work to advance health literacy across WWL, and the wider system, to address inequalities in access to health information.
- Embed prevention opportunities within clinical pathways e.g. making every contact count, opportunistic vaccination, work-well models
- Improve referral pathways to community-based services addressing wider determinants of health.
- Contribute to the development of the Trust's approach to community engagement and co-production.
- Analyse and present local data through a health inequalities lens, including health equity audits.
- Support and lead research, evaluations and quality improvement projects.
- Strengthen data capture and utilisation to support population health approaches.
- Review and enhance the use of equality and health inequalities impact assessments and equity assessment tools e.g. health equity audits for service changes, transformation initiatives, and research activity.
- Collaborate with system partners on shared priorities to advance population health, address inequalities and prevent illness e.g. neighbourhood models of care and primary care public health initiatives.
- Contribute to anchor institution work, including social value initiatives.
- Outline and deliver approaches to strengthen public health skills and leadership.
- Offer training and development opportunities for staff in health inequalities and prevention.

- Support/supervise colleagues in training e.g. public health apprentices, foundation doctor training placements.
- Contribute to the delivery of the local authority's health protection functions.
- Lead the strategic approach to a system-wide health protection priority.

Supervision

Annie Lowe, a Consultant in Public Health with an integrated role across WWL and Wigan Council will be your educational supervisor. Progress will be supported through regular supervision meetings, reflective practice, and alignment with the FPH curriculum.

Induction & Administration

Registrars will receive a comprehensive induction from WWL and Wigan Council, including:

- Meeting key members of the WWL and Wigan Public Health teams.
- Introduction to system partners relevant to your portfolio.
- Shadowing opportunities across clinical and strategic settings.
- Access to relevant meetings, networks, and programmes of work.
- Connect you to relevant HCPH networks including: Public health providers network, national network for registrars in provider placements, NHSE North West Healthcare Public Health Network.

During your induction, you will work with your educational supervisor to develop your learning agreement and shape your programme of work.

You will be provided with:

- A WWL laptop for the duration of the placement
- An ID pass for WWL and Wigan Council
- Access to car parking
- Flexible workspace

Further Information

To find out more, please contact Annie Lowe, Consultant in public health –
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