

Job Description

Post title Senior Public Health Practitioner

Evaluation Points Grade:

Responsible to Consultant in Public Health / Portfolio Lead

Responsible for Staff as allocated

Job purpose:

To lead on public health delivery priorities in partnership with key stakeholders to ensure high quality strategic planning, implementation of interventions and effective commissioning of public health services to address population health priorities and support the council's vision and ambitions of a safe, fair, and proud Newcastle.

Main duties:

The following is typical of the duties the postholder will be expected to perform. It is not necessarily exhaustive and other duties of a similar nature and level may be required from time to time.

1. To lead the delivery of portfolio priorities through specialist expertise, programme management and collaboration with key stakeholders, residents, researchers and regional/ national leads for UKHSA, OHID and DHSC.
2. To lead on the design, coordination, promotion, implementation and monitoring of public health interventions and services with partners to ensure successful delivery of value for money programmes for residents.
3. To work across the public health department disciplines of health improvement, health protection and healthcare public health activities, as required, to provide evidence-based public health advice and expertise to deliver national, political and corporate priorities for our local population.
4. To lead, develop and influence a range of multidisciplinary partnerships and engagement activities across the city to delivery and influence policy through regional and national public health networks.
5. To provide a high level of professional and technical expertise and advice on public health principles and practice to wider council teams, members as well as partners, stakeholders, service users and communities.
6. To carry out benchmarking of initiatives, such as interpreting evidence, intelligence and consultation data, in order to design and propose service improvements, offer solutions to maximise effectiveness and drive innovation.

7. To deputise for senior leadership colleagues where appropriate, representing the public health department and the council with respect to allocated areas of work in public and private meetings, communications and stakeholder events.
8. To prepare bids for external funding for national/regional and local initiatives relevant to our population, taking responsibility for delivery plans and monitoring grant specifications of awards to ensure funding opportunities are maximised for the benefit of residents within governance requirements.
9. To manage staff, including all aspects of work allocation, performance monitoring, staffing issues, professional/administrative advice and support, supervision, recruitment, development and training in order to meet service objectives in line with all corporate policies.
10. To monitor specified aspects of service agreements and service specifications for public health contracts, including budget monitoring and financial management systems in accordance with financial regulations and city council policy.
11. To assist with the development of effective operational procedures in respect of approved policies, supporting quality improvement and service efficiency.
12. To work flexibly, including atypical working hours and weekend working as necessary during emergencies (e.g., in pandemic response)
13. To build public health capacity across the system through workforce development, community engagement, policy influence and contribution to evidence-based practice through research, networking and sharing practice.
14. To promote and implement the Council's Equality Policy in all aspects of employment and service delivery.
15. To hold public health practitioner registration, maintain appropriate CPD and comply with professional standards.