



## **Public Health Apprentice**

**Salary: Band: 5, £26,473 - £28,239 p.a.**(with progression up to Band 7)

**Level 6 integrated degree apprenticeship with the University of West England.**

37 hours per week including release for study.

Office attendance is required, this remains flexible, subject to business needs.

**Location: Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth**

**Contract type: fixed term for up to 3 years due to length of apprenticeship**

### **The Service**

Public health is about helping people and communities live healthier lives for longer. Public health practitioners help plan and deliver that work.

- Look at information (data) to understand what affects people's health in Portsmouth
- Help reduce unfair differences in health between different communities
- Support work that prevents illness (not just treats it)
- Help plan, run and review projects that improve health and wellbeing
- Share clear advice and updates with teams and the public

You will be based in Portsmouth, working with the public health team here in the City Council and with other teams and directorates in the organisation and with our local partners.

This is a paid, supported route into public health for people who want to make a real difference for Portsmouth.

### **What is the role?**

The Public Health Apprentice role is offered over 3 years and with support, will enable you to work towards a university degree and professional registration as a Public Health Practitioner. It will give you a thorough understanding of public health and how local government works.

The apprenticeship will give you the opportunity to build your skills and grow your confidence, working with different teams across public health and organisations (for example the council, schools, the NHS and community groups). You may also be involved in project work and helping with projects like healthy weight, stopping smoking, sexual health, mental health or preventing infections whilst being supported by experienced public health staff. By the end of the apprenticeship, you will be able to measure and report on local health and wellbeing using data and feedback, find and use good evidence including basic research to support decisions, work with policies and



plans, understand the decision-making process in local government and help plan and manage projects and programmes. Sometimes you may need to be flexible with your time to meet deadlines.

You don't need public health experience. We're looking for someone who's keen to learn, cares about Portsmouth, and wants a job where they can help people.

### **What you will get:**

- A 3-year paid development programme with mentoring and support
- A university degree in public health from the University of West England (funded)
- Support to register as a Public Health Practitioner
- Experience with different teams across the council and partner organisations

### **Who is the person?**

You need:

1. Good numerical and literacy skills (maths and english level 2 functional skills) and A or T levels or equivalent
2. To be able to communicate clearly with good written and verbal communication skills
3. To be IT literate, and be confident using a computer, with the ability to use MS Office 365
4. To be able to work independently and use your initiative whilst also knowing when to ask for help
5. The ability to juggle different tasks and work with a variety of people.
6. Good organisational and administrative skills.
7. To be flexible and adaptable in order to meet the needs of the service.
8. Keen to learn and willing to undertake the apprenticeship qualification as well as any other job specific training.
9. The ability to problem solve to deadlines would be desirable.
10. A strong attention to detail with the ability to record data accurately is desirable.
11. Experience of working with confidential material and be able to maintain confidentiality in relation to personal data held would be desirable.

You will need to demonstrate that you have the Right to Work in the UK. No post will be offered without it.

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

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