

Public Health Research Facilitation Lead - Fixed term/secondment opportunity for up to 18 months due to funding.

Salary: Band: 11, £45,718 - £49,764 (£36,574 - £39,811 for 29.6hours)

29.6 hours per week - 0.8FTE - days/hours to be discussed at interview

What is the role:

You will be responsible for supporting the continued development of PCC's exciting research agenda as a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC). The post holder will be part of the HDRC Programme team, helping to put in place the building blocks for effective delivery of research in Portsmouth that addresses health inequalities and embeds community-led research at the heart of the city's approach.

A key part of our HDRC Portsmouth model is creating the conditions for new research ideas to develop, by enabling collaborations that bring together different perspectives with a shared purpose and motivation to work together. Located in the Civic Offices, Guildhall Square you will report to the Assistant Director of Public Health for Strategic Intelligence and Research. You will:

- Manage existing research development projects bringing together practitioners and academics and supporting community participation and engagement in research, to deliver impactful learning about what works to tackle health inequalities
- Lead the facilitation of self-managing networks of academics, practitioners and residents, creating and supporting cross-sector collaborations that have potential to lead to research opportunities and/or action
- Support development and delivery of the council's approach to research workforce development, working with the Programme Lead to identify training needs and putting in place suitable training packages for council officers and community researchers, enabling good practice in public involvement and inclusion
- Take a lead in the HDRC national subgroup meetings, representing HDRC Portsmouth and hosting online meetings for Portsmouth.
- Work with partner organisations, including the University of Portsmouth, HIVE Portsmouth and others from across the Health and Wellbeing Board system, to identify collaboration opportunities, keep relevant decision-makers interested in the work, and evaluate group learning and impact.
- Work alongside the current Research Development Lead and the rest of the team to support the activity planned during the next 4 years of the HDRC programme.

You will be part of a team and working on a flexible matrix basis. You will lead on research facilitation, but you will be expected to work across other topic areas as needed. Your key responsibilities will include some or all of the following:

- Leading and facilitating development projects, liaising with the national funder and local VCS providers as well as supporting the researchers to deliver effective projects that meet the goals of the HDRC project.

- Leading the facilitation of research teams and cross-sector collaborations including professionals and practitioners, academics and local communities in research that supports Portsmouth's HDRC, in line with NIHR policy and the needs of NHS, HEI and VCS partners.
- Helping to develop research aware and research ready local public health workforce that can deliver the HDRC and NIHR wider remit, including working across Directorates and the Health and Wellbeing Board to develop approaches to effective training and underpinning to create a research culture.
- Expanding the local and national public health NIHR portfolio and provide research delivery support for research outside of the NHS.
- Providing expert Public Health and local authority advice as part of the NIHR Research Support Service (RSS).
- Further develop partnerships with researchers in the University of Portsmouth and Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust, linking to local research networks, resources and partners
- Contributing to a regional network to foster communication and collaborations between public health researchers and practitioners across organisation's outside the NHS and contributing to the national HDRC Network to share learning between LAs across UK.

Who is the person?

You need to have:

1. Relevant degree: Public Health related post graduate qualification (or working towards such) or equivalent experience.
2. The postholder should be a UKPHR Registered Public Health Practitioner or working towards.
3. Previous relevant experience of working in or with a local government / public sector setting, and/or relevant experience working in a research infrastructure / delivery organisation (including academia).
4. A demonstrable interest in research, skills development and theoretical approaches to applied research, including relevant experience in applied health and/or social care research funding applications including as a named researcher or collaborator.
5. Demonstrable experience of publishing peer reviewed journal articles or other outputs from research such as posters and presentations at conferences.
6. Experience of quantitative and qualitative approaches to research and evaluation and good critical appraisal skills, and of involving service users, their carers and the public, applying co-production and co-design principles
7. Ability to communicate across a wide range of organisational and cultural boundaries and communicate goals in a compelling way.
8. Ability to facilitate constructive discussion and debate and to formulate programmes of action, with a demonstrable interest in relational approaches to service development and productivity
9. Ability to analyse and review overly complex facts and situations, where there may be a range of feasible options to formulate appropriate decisions.

10. Ability to manage complex projects of work with multiple stakeholders, and to exercise judgement when conflicting information and advice is provided.

Additional information:

How to apply:

When completing the application form, please thoroughly tailor your application to the 'Who is the Person' points in the profile with the use of examples from your experience.

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