



## Role Description

Post Title:	Public Health Consultant (Fixed-term to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026)
Post Number:	SPH281
Directorate	Integrated Care
Department:	Public Health
Grade:	SO 11-13
Reports To:	Director of Public Health

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## Purpose

This role will provide strong leadership and management to Senior Managers and Heads of Service to make the Council as effective and efficient as possible. The post holder will support the Executive Director/Director in setting the overall strategic direction of the directorate. They will work collaboratively with the senior leadership team and with Elected Members. They will ensure cultural change is delivered by instilling in their leadership team a sense of optimism, purpose and responsibility. They will promote a culture of customer engagement and feedback to tailor services at a locality level.

This role has responsibility for improving health of the population of St. Helens with a focus on

Complex Lives, including:

Mental Wellbeing, Suicide and self-harm, Substance Misuse, Adult Safeguarding, Complex Cares, Homelessness and Housing, Licencing, Gambling, Research, Community Safety, Falls Prevention, Older People

Although each consultant may have a specific focus, the role is able to lead across all aspects of Public Health including health protection, health improvement, health and care services, research and intelligence and systems leadership across a range of partners.

On behalf of the local authority, the post holder working with the DPH and other consultant colleagues will lead on improving the health and wellbeing of the residents which is underpinned by the statutory duty placed on local government to take such steps as it considers appropriate to improve health of its residents.

The postholder will be expected to work across organisations, be able to influence budgets held by those organisations as well as advocate for change effectively.

Postholder may hold direct managerial responsibility for services and budgets which directly contribute to these objectives. They will also have greater strategic responsibilities across the Council and other agencies.

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## Responsibilities & Outcomes

- To be a member of the Public Health Senior Leadership Team and wider leadership community, ensuring a one council focus and culture to the delivery of priorities.
- To ensure development and maintenance of systems and processes to enable the authority to work with partners to respond to major incidents including health protection threats.
- On behalf of the authority and the DPH to lead on those aspects that the Secretary of State delegates to the authority and ensure that partner organisations (PHE, CCGs and NHS England) have appropriate mechanisms, to enable surge capacity to be delivered as and when required.
- On behalf of the authority to take responsibility for ensuring delivery of the public health mandated services such that the full range of benefits are delivered to residents. These services include; sexual health, 0-19s healthy child programme, NHS Health Checks, specialist public health support to CCGs, health protection and lead areas as identified by the DP (e.g. Suicide prevention, mental wellbeing, drugs and alcohol, workplace and school health, homelessness and obesity). This will include taking responsibility for the relevant outcome indicators within the PHE, NHS (and Social Care) Outcome frameworks and working across organisational boundaries.
- To lead work across all Council directorates as well as influencing partnership boards (dealing with health determinants) to maximise health improvement opportunities and the reduction of inequalities in health outcomes amongst residents. This will include using the Outcome Frameworks as well as exploring other relevant routinely collected data systems for suitable indicators.
- To lead on improving health and social outcomes for population groups; with an agreed portfolio (health protection, wider determinants / health improvement, health and care services and public health intelligence and research).
- To work across the entire Council, NHS bodies (the Council has a statutory duty to provide public health advice to CCGs and the Council's People's Board has a coordinating role for the whole of the health and care system) and other partner agencies. To influence private sector, voluntary sector and community sector organisations that can impact on health in order to influence the attitudes and behaviour both of professionals and of the population generally.
- To demonstrate expertise in the full range of relevant competencies as set out by the Faculty of Public Health. This includes evaluation techniques, policy analysis and translation and ability to communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders including politicians
- To be responsible for change and improvement in the agreed areas of work and for supporting the delivery of statutory duty of the Council to take the steps it considers necessary to improve the health of its communities

- To be registered with and practise in accordance with all relevant sections of the General Medical Practice (if medically qualified) and the Faculty of Public Health's Good Public Health Practice and UKPHR requirements.
  - To be responsible for the training obligations of the directorate, including becoming the Educational Supervisor. These duties will be agreed jointly with the relevant Head of the School of Public Health.
  - To provide expert public health support and whole system leadership to ensure an evidence based approach for commissioning and developing high quality equitable services within and across a range of organisations including voluntary, public and private sector.
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## Relationships

Within the organisation:

- Chief Executive and the Executive Leadership Team
- Public Health Senior Leadership Team
- Leader and Relevant Portfolio Holders
- Elected Members
- Trade Union representatives
- Other Council Departments and Services

At a borough level

- Police
- Fire
- St Helens Cares and CCG
- Registered social Landlords
- Business Organisations
- Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector

At a regional level

- Metro Mayor and the Combined Authority
  - Adjacent Local Authorities
  - Cheshire and Mersey Public Health Network (CHAMPs)
  - Ministry of Housing and Communities
  - Merseyside Resilience Forum
  - Health and Care Partnership
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## Generic responsibilities

- To support the Director in providing professional advice to the Council's Leadership Team and Cabinet Members to clearly demonstrate outcomes which meet the Council's objectives.
- To ensure that the Council's overall vision and strategy has an appropriate focus on improving outcomes for the service and its stakeholders and that all senior officers understand their role in delivering improved outcomes.
- To assist with the leadership and direction of the Department and in establishing the best team with the right skills, capability, talent and drive for success.

- To contribute to ensuring the functions business targets are met, in accordance with best practice, to agreed specification, and with full compliance with health, safety, professional standards, statutory and other relevant legislation
- To deputise for the Director as and when required.
- To represent the Council at corporate, regional and other meetings and forums as directed by the Executive Director/Director.
- To lead, develop and/or participate in identified projects that contribute to the delivery of Council priorities both within the Department, cross Directorate and in collaboration with partners and other local authorities as directed by the Executive Director/Director.
- To work collaboratively across all service areas with other Assistant Directors/Directors.
- To ensure that services are delivered in the best interests of the Council and support delivering the best customer experience for residents
- Be responsible to create, foster and manage effective relationships with Elected Members
- Be accountable for the relevant service budgets
- Lead by example and in accordance with the St Helens accountability framework and the Council's Code of Conduct a fundamental aspect of which is the "Seven Principles of Public Life"
- To ensure compliance with the Council's Policy Framework
- To participate in the Emergency Duty Cover Rota
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**This post is not subject to Disclosure.**

**This post is Politically Restricted in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended).**

**The details contained within this job description reflect the content of the job at the date it was prepared. However, it is inevitable that over time, the nature of the job may change. Existing duties may no longer be required, and other duties may be gained without changing the general nature of the post or the level of responsibility entailed. Consequently, the Council will expect to revise this job description from time to time and will consult the post holder/s at the appropriate time.**

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