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UK PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK: Proposal for a three-month registrar position

1. About the UK Public Health Network

The UK Public Health Network was established in October 2014 following recognition from senior public health system leaders of the need for public health organisations to work more collectively across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Network brings together 20 statutory and non-governmental organisations across four nations of the UK. The former participate as observers while the latter engage as members, allowing the Network to work collaboratively on matters of mutual interest. Conducting Network business under Chatham House rules enables all parties to discuss issues openly and constructively.

The Network focuses on issues of strategic importance to the public health system. It meets in full at least once a year to share knowledge and learning between organisations. To date, summit meetings have been held on the following:

- Investment in public health
- Future Generations legislation
- Brexit and public health
- The right to health
- An Office for Budget Responsibility for Population Health
- Reframing public health.

The Network is currently hosted by the Association of Directors of Public Health.

2. About the project

Title:

Safe space: establishing a mechanism for addressing public health system controversies.

Background:

At its strategy development workshop in December 2018, the CEOs Group agreed that the Network was sufficiently mature to address high-profile subject matter where there are several different views. By holding two “safe space” workshops a year to discuss issues such as public-private partnerships, harm reduction/minimisation and fake news, it is hoped that Network members and observers can share views internally and reduce the risk of damaging public disagreements.

Scope:

- Establish a protocol for delivering two “safe space” workshops a year to discuss politically sensitive and challenging issues for Network members & observers.

- Identify and secure funding for an initial workshop.
- Organise and deliver an initial “safe space” workshop on the use of public private partnerships by public health organisations.
- Prepare a background briefing paper on public private partnerships by public health organisations.

Project Supervisor: UK Public Health Network Lead

3. UK Public Health Network offer

This project offers the post-holder the opportunity to work across the UK public health system at a strategic level.

Learning outcomes:

- Understanding strategic issues affecting the UK public health system
- Preparation of a briefing paper
- Events management
- Report-writing.

4. Qualifications & skills required

- Specialty Registrar in Public Health

5. Duration and location of project: Three months full-time, to start as soon as possible. The role will be based remotely. On occasion, if the post-holder is asked to travel and/or accommodation is required, the cost will be covered by the Network.

6. How to apply: Please contact Rulan Vasani, UK Public Health Network Lead, in the first instance. You may be asked to provide proof of support from your Training Programme Director prior to application.

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