



Faculty of Public Health Projects Scheme brief

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Project Details

Title and brief description of the project with summary of key roles and outputs expected from the registrar	<p><u>Flexible placement with Drugs Special Interest Group</u></p> <p>The Drugs Special Interest Group (SIG) is endeavouring to expand, diversify and increase its capacity in 2024. We hope to recruit two enthusiastic registrars to help us achieve our goals and are offering placements of six months duration (one day per week) beginning at the registrar's earliest convenience.</p> <p>What is the Drugs SIG?</p> <p>The Drugs SIG, comprised of public health specialists, academics and cross-agency partners, has a primary purpose of advocating for drug policies, practice and service delivery that will advance public health and human rights. Our recent outputs are available on the Drugs SIG website, and have included:</p> <p>Holland, A. <i>et al.</i> (2024) "Nitazenes—heralding a second wave for the UK drug-related death crisis?," <i>The Lancet. Public health</i>, 9(2), pp. e71–e72. doi: 10.1016/s2468-2667(24)00001-x.</p> <p>Holland, A. <i>et al.</i> (2023) "Analysis of the UK Government's 10-Year Drugs Strategy—a resource for practitioners and policymakers," <i>Journal of Public Health (Oxford, England)</i>, 45(2), pp. e215–e224. doi: 10.1093/pubmed/fdac114.</p> <p>Holland, A. <i>et al.</i> (2022) "Overdose prevention centres in the UK," <i>The Lancet. Public health</i>, 7(3), pp. e196–e197. doi: 10.1016/s2468-2667(22)00038-x.</p> <p>Aims of placement</p>
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To lead the organising and delivery of three webinars on timely drug policy issues agreed by the SIG membership (1).

To undertake at least one other piece of work (e.g., commentary article or health needs assessment), preferably selected from a list of priority areas agreed by the SIG membership and detailed in the 2024 workplan (2).

Examples of potential projects include:

1. Writing a short report on nitazene opioids and potential policy responses.
2. Developing a briefing pack for political stakeholders about drug policy approaches in collaboration with the FPH Executive.
3. Writing a short report on the links between drug markets, drug policy, and sustainability.
4. Developing a health needs assessment for people involved in the drug trade.
5. Surveying community pharmacy needle exchange providers to evaluate data collection practices.

Output

Registrars will work together to organise and facilitate three webinars (1) and will be encouraged to write-up an additional project undertaken for the SIG in an academic journal with the support of the wider SIG membership (2). Additional output will be project dependent (e.g., health needs assessment). Since full participation in the work of the SIG is expected during the course of the placement, opportunities for additional output (e.g., through contribution to research) may arise.

Candidate specifications:

Essential

- At any stage of training, if deemed appropriate by and with agreement from educational supervisor and training programme director.
- Interest in drug policy and improving the health and wellbeing of people who use drugs.
- Non-judgemental attitude towards people who use drugs and those who experience drug dependence.

	<p><i>Desirable</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with drug policy or drug service delivery <p>We want to stress that we welcome members from all backgrounds and actively encourage registrars with protected characteristics to apply and help shape our work.</p>
Name of the organisation supporting the project	The Faculty of Public Health Drugs Special Interest Group
Where will the Registrar be based for the duration of the project?	Remote working.
Please set out the Learning Outcomes and likely competencies to be achieved by the registrar from Public Health Specialty Training Curriculum	<p>Learning outcomes to be achieved will vary depending on the projects selected. There will be flexibility within projects to orientate the outputs to fulfil specific learning outcomes. Likely competencies to be at least partially achieved include:</p> <p>1.2, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2.1, 2.5, 3.1, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.9, 5.1, 5.2, 5.7, 7.2, 8.7, 8.8, 9.1, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.11.</p>
Start and end date of project (project duration)	<p>Start date: the registrar's earliest convenience.</p> <p>The placement will be for six months.</p>
Time requirement for the Registrar on the project (days per week)	One day per week
How many Registrar places are available on this project?	Two
Location of Project Lead	University of Bristol
Details of the approved Project Supervisor (please include email)	<p>Dr Adam Holland</p> <p>Adam.Holland@bristol.ac.uk</p>
Will there be accommodation/travel costs associated with this project? If so who would be expected to cover this cost?	No
Please describe how the project will work in practice.	<p>Registrars will be asked to liaise with cross-sector stakeholders to recruit speakers to a series of webinars. They will then lead on advertising and delivering these events. We ask that one topic is selected from a list already agreed by the SIG membership (e.g., adulteration of drug supply with nitazenes). Other webinar topics can be proposed by the registrar and taken forward if agreed at a bi-monthly SIG meeting.</p> <p>The registrar will also be supported to complete an additional piece of drug policy-related work from the 2024 SIG workplan. The project selected can be</p>

adapted by the registrar in line with their time and learning requirements.

The registrars will provide support to the SIG Co-Chairs for their allotted placement time and will have the opportunity to become SIG Vice-Chairs if they wish. They will be expected to participate fully in SIG activities. This includes attending and contributing actively to meetings with the opportunity to contribute to ongoing research within the SIG and any reactive work that may arise. It is our hope that the registrars will remain active members of the SIG following the completion of their placement.

During the course of the placement the registrars will meet with Adam (activity supervisor) and Dean every other week who will be available by email between meetings.



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Projects Scheme application checklist

This is only a guide and other criteria may be used for specific projects or training locations. Please record if you think you have met the following criteria and if not please provide details about why the criteria will not be met.

The Registrar has completed the MFPH exam or has an appropriate level of experience	YES
The Registrar has a named Project Supervisor for the duration of the project	YES
The TPD for the Registrar has seen and approved the project	YES
The Registrar's Educational Supervisor has seen the project and agrees that it meets the Registrar's training needs	YES
There is clarity on the process for the Project Supervisor and Educational Supervisor to communicate about the Registrar's progress	YES
The project brief clearly describes the Learning Outcomes and competencies expected	YES