

PH Careers: Health Protection



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Why did you choose public health?



Improve health

Reduce inequalities

Work upstream

Multi-agency/wider determinants approach

Intellectually stimulating

Interesting

Challenging

Why choose Health Protection?



Track record of improving health

Large inequalities to be addressed

Strong population focus

Not just NHS focused

Apply public health sciences

Interesting to professional and layperson

Acute challenges



Is it a good career choice?

Will always be needed

Utilises key public health skills

Will always need some clinicians

But multi-disciplinary opportunities too

Safer from NHS reorganisations

Opportunity to specialise (or not)

Can involve dealing with public

International opportunities



Can I make a difference?

Lots to be done:

Addressing inequalities

Addressing environmental issues

Addressing gaps in evidence base

Always new challenges

Always new opportunities