

# “Careers in Public Health ” Be the Change: Shape Health, Shape Lives”

## North East Public Health Practitioner Showcase

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-16:00

Chamber, City Hall - Sunderland City Council, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA

### Morning

9.30-10:00	<b>Arrival – Registration - tea &amp; coffee available</b>
10:00-10:30 (30 minutes)	<b>Introduction from Chair</b> Dr. Claire Sullivan, Deputy Director for Workforce, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)  <b>Welcome to the showcase</b> Gill O’Neill, Executive Director Public Health, Communities and Inequalities, Northumberland County Council - NE ADPH workforce lead  <b>Welcome to Sunderland</b> Gerry Taylor, Executive Director of Public Health & Wellbeing.
<b>Showcase of current work</b>	
10:30-11.30 (10-minute presentations)	<b><u>Level 6 Public Health Practitioner Apprenticeship Showcase</u></b>  <b>Best Start in Life and Beyond.</b> Grace O’Keefe, Public Health Apprentice, North Tyneside Council  <b>Public Health Small Grants Scheme</b> Louise Roberts, Trainee Public Health Practitioner, Stockton Borough Council  <b>Tackling Health Inequalities through Occupational Health</b> Laura Robson, Health & Wellbeing Advisor, University Hospitals Tees  <b>Public Health Project Management</b> Richard Palmer-Heathman, Health Improvement Practitioner, Northumberland County Council  <b>Q&amp;A (20 minutes)</b>
Break – 15mins	<b>Refreshments in Brew and Bake (tea &amp; coffee)</b>

<p>11.45-12.30pm</p> <p>(10-minute presentations)</p>	<p><b><u>Practitioners showcase</u></b></p> <p><b>Health Impact Assessment Toolkit</b> Lewis McColl, Public Health Analyst, Newcastle Council (<i>recording</i>)</p> <p><b>Cardiovascular Disease Champions</b> Louise Harlanderson, Programme Lead (UKPHR Practitioner), Gateshead Council</p> <p><b>North Tyneside Cancer Prevention Network: The Importance of Collaborative Working</b> Claire Howard, Public Health Practitioner, North Tyneside Council</p> <p><b>Managing Undernutrition South Tees (MUST) Service development</b> Joanne Ward, Managing Undernutrition South Tees Service, Public Health South Tees</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A (5 minutes)</b></p>
<p>12.30pm - 12.45pm</p>	<p>Congratulations to new practitioners (Dr. Claire Sullivan)</p>
<p>12.45pm - 13.40pm</p>	<p><b>Lunch &amp; networking (50 mins)</b></p>

**Afternoon**

<b><i>Panel &amp; Workshops</i></b>	
<p>13.40pm-14.10pm</p> <p>(5 minutes per panel member)</p>	<p><b><u>Developing your public health career - Panel</u></b></p> <p><b>Wendy Mitchell</b>, Interim Public Health Principal, Sunderland City Council</p> <p><b>Scott Lloyd</b>, NIHR Doctoral Local Authority Fellow and Advanced Public Health Practitioner. Newcastle University, Middlesbrough Council and Redcar &amp; Cleveland Borough Council</p> <p><b>Claire Mathews</b>, Health and Wellbeing Programme Lead (North East), Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)</p> <p><b>Becca Scott</b>, Head of Public Health &amp; Prevention: Best Start in Life (Registered Practitioner), NENC Integrated Care Board</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10 minutes)</b></p>
<p>14:10-14:15pm</p>	<p><b>Move to workshop spaces</b></p>

<p>14:20- 15:10pm</p> <p>(40-minute workshops)</p>	<p><b><u>Workshops</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Engaging Local Communities: Public Health Research</b> Jackie Nixon, Public Health Practitioner, Sunderland City Council Chamber</li> <li><b>2. Public Health Skills &amp; Knowledge Framework</b> Emma Roycroft, Public Health Registrar, OHID Mayors Parlor 2</li> <li><b>3. Communities of Practice: Best Start in Life</b> Becca Scott, Head of Public Health &amp; Prevention: Best Start in Life (Public Health Practitioner), NENC ICB Mayors Parlor 1</li> <li><b>4. Smoke-Free Generation: What you need to know</b> Rachel McIlvenna, Smokefree NHS Strategic Manager, NENC ICB &amp; Fresh Committee Room 2</li> </ol>
<p>15:15 - 15.30pm</p>	<p><b>Final comments and close</b> Jackie Nixon Public Health Practitioner</p>