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Who or what is the Health Protection Agency (HPA)?

How is the Agency structured to deliver services locally?

What opportunities are there for students in the HPA?

How did we go about recruiting to the 2 student posts?

Project work
There’s only one thing predictable about life as an Environmental Health Practitioner. No two days will ever be the same. And that's because of the amazingly wide scope of our work.

We’re here to protect the public's health and improve the general quality of life.

Everything from the air we breathe and the food we eat, to the water we swim in, the houses we live in and the places we work in… all of these things affect our well-being. Not surprisingly, we’re here, there and everywhere. ..........

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Local and Regional Services in the East Midlands

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0116 263 1400

North Health Protection Unit
Pleasley, Mansfield
01623 819000

Health Protection Specialist/
Environmental Scientist

Grantham Local Office
01476 514696

Consultants in Communicable Disease Control, CCDCs,
Public Health/Specialist Health Protection Nurses,
Information Officers, Administrators/clerical,
Trainees

http://www.hpa.org.uk/eastmidlandsnorth/default.htm
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Local and Regional Services in the East Midlands
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Inter-Agency Working/Liaison

GP's and hospital doctors

Private Sector Companies

Primary Care Trusts

LACoRS

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Laboratories and Acute Trusts

DH

Environment Health Services – Local Authorities
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Inter-Agency Working/Liaison

Working with and supporting other agencies on contaminated land and other contamination issues – chronic and acute
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Working with and supporting other agencies on infectious disease, microbiology or other public health issues
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Student/Trainees in the HPA

**South West Region and West Midlands**
Opportunities for student EHPs
1 year training
Insufficient interest

**East Midlands**
Opportunities for two bursaries
3 month supported placements
Positive interest
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Student/Trainees in the HPA

Desirable/Essential Criteria:
- Independent GIS skills
- Project management
- Communication

Regional Health Protection Team

Health Protection Units

Development of Job Description

Liaison with Nottingham Trent and Derby University

Project Review

Interviews

Appointment

Project Development

Evaluation of HPA Training
Named in 1976 after an outbreak of fatal respiratory disease in Philadelphia

Cases noted in 1947 (and before)

Around 30 deaths, approx. 200 cases of illness

Belle View Stratford Hotel
FEATURES

Legionnaires' Disease - Testing Positive

BBC Cumbria webcast a special programme - Testing Positive - investigating the devastating impact of Legionnaires' Disease in Barrow-in-Furness.

Listen to the programme online »

In autumn 2002, people in Barrow were told their town was at the centre of Britain's biggest outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease.

A type of bacteria called legionella had grown inside an air conditioning unit at the town's arts centre Forum 28 - then steam containing the bug leaked into a passageway outside the building.

The police investigated the deaths of 7 people in connection with the outbreak, 5 of whom died as a direct result of it. More than 150 were infected, many of them needing intensive care.

In "Testing Positive" reporter, Claire Barrowdale, investigates the effect the disease has had on the town and the lessons learned from the tragedy.
A fourth victim of a Legionnaires' outbreak which killed two women has been diagnosed.

A man in his 60s from Redditch, Worcestershire, is seriously ill in hospital after contracting the disease.

His illness comes a month after two women in their 60s were killed by the infection. A man was discharged from hospital after being treated.

More than 70 sites across Redditch were tested after the outbreak but experts were unable to find the source.

Legionnaires' disease is a form of pneumonia and is not passed from person to person. It is spread through contaminated water systems such as air conditioning units.

A statement from health officials said: 'A man from Redditch in his 60s is in a serious condition but improving in hospital after being diagnosed with the illness.'

'Clean and disinfect'
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Student/Trainees in the HPA

Evaluation
Student interviews by HPA training coordinator
Interviews of student trainers working in the HPA
Other HPA staff involved, including Regional Director/local Health Protection Unit Leads
Contact with Local Authorities involved
University
Project evaluation
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The Future?

• Raising the national profile of Trainees in the HPA
• Possible further HPA supported student placements and wider career opportunities
• Local Authority/NHS etc joint student/trainee placements
• Inter-agency project work
• Seconded students/trainees
• Inter-agency liaison and training exercises – joined up working
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