Public Health England

Scientific Officer – Nutrition Science

Central London

£25,886 (to £31,193)

Full time
1 permanent and 1 fixed term position (2 posts in total)

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Public Health England (PHE) is an executive agency of the Department of Health providing; strategic leadership, research, advice and support for Government, local authorities and the NHS in protecting and improving the nation's health.

The Diet and Obesity Division underpins Public Health England’s work on nutrition by providing scientific and policy advice on nutrition, nutrition surveillance and monitoring. The Diet and Obesity Branch comprises 5 teams: Nutrition Science; Food Composition and Diet; Obesity and Healthy Weight; Dietary Improvement and Nutrition Advice.

An opportunity has arisen for Scientific Officers within the Nutrition Science team (1 permanent position and 1 fixed term position until November 2018), as part of the secretariat for the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN).

We are seeking individuals with a degree or postgraduate qualification in nutrition, and with an understanding of the role of food and nutrition in public health. The posts will involve interrogating the scientific basis for public health nutrition and supporting the development of evidence based policy and advice in this field. The roles will include working alongside other team members to prepare evidence summaries and discussion papers for SACN meetings; drafting minutes of meetings; and assisting in the drafting of SACN reports. Posts also require drafting responses to general and media enquiries, Parliamentary Questions and Minister’s correspondence on specialist nutrition issues.

You are strongly advised to use the criteria in the person specification (available online) as sub-headings in your application to make it clear how you meet each of the selection criteria. Please also see job description for competencies.

Closing date: 1 January 2018.
Interview date: 24 January 2018.

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Applications must be submitted via:
http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/7bc673ee9af0fe5eb4325e765efe5b87/?vqc_ref=914892318