Scientific Officer – Food Composition and Diet

Salary: £25,886 (to £27,019)
Hours: 37.5 hours per week
Contract: Permanent
Locations: Skipton House London (Wellington House from Spring 2018)
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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 a Scientific Officer within the Food Composition and Diet team. We are seeking an individual with a degree or equivalent qualification in nutrition or a food related subject, and with an understanding of the role of food and nutrition in public health

The Food Composition and Diet Team manages the National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS) and other dietary and food surveys, and uses survey data to support dietary improvement objectives on, for example, sugar, salt and calorie intakes. The post holder will help to ensure that survey methods and supporting tools are effective and will also provide data analysis and interpretation to colleagues across the Division to help develop, implement and monitor realistic, effective, evidence-based approaches to meeting dietary guidelines. The post will involve interpreting the scientific basis for public health nutrition and will include some working in ad hoc teams on specific projects, drafting technical papers and notes, considering complex data and/or contributing to advice for PHE colleagues or other Government Departments. The post will also require drafting responses to general and media enquiries, Parliamentary Questions and Minister’s correspondence on specialist nutrition issues.

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

Closing date: 9 February 2018.
Interview date: 23 February 2018.

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